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# S. RES. 275

To express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28 1996

Mr. BROWN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 24, 1996

Reported by Mr. HELMS, with an amendment

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, prior to 1979, Afghanistan was a peaceful, united  
country;

Whereas the successful fight of brave men and women of Af-  
ghanistan resisting the Soviet invasion and occupation of  
1979–1989 was a significant element in the dissolution of  
the Soviet empire;

Whereas the dissolution of the Soviet empire brought freedom  
to the nations of central and eastern Europe as well as  
to the nations of central Asia;

Whereas although many years after the Soviet Union withdrawal, Afghanistan does not enjoy the peace it has earned;

Whereas the United Nations can play a unique and important role in bringing an end to the conflict in Afghanistan; and

Whereas recent meetings between Members of Congress and the representatives of the major Afghan factions indicate a significant desire on the part of all parties to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan and the establishment of an effective government that represents the interests of the Afghan people: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) the courageous people of Afghanistan have  
3       earned the world's respect and support for their epic  
4       struggle against the forces of communism;

5               (2) resolving the continuing conflict in Afghani-  
6       stan and alleviating the accompanying humanitarian  
7       distress of the Afghan people should be a top prior-  
8       ity of the United States;

9               (3) outside interference and the provision of  
10       arms and military supplies to the warring parties  
11       should be halted;

12              (4) a unique moment in Afghan civil war exists  
13       where all major factions are searching for a peaceful  
14       solution to the conflict;

1           (5) urges the United Nations Security Council  
2           to impose an international arms embargo on Af-  
3           ghanistan to halt the resupply of arms and ammuni-  
4           tion to the warring factions;

5           (6) the United States welcomes the appoint-  
6           ment by the United Nations of a new special envoy  
7           to Afghanistan and urges him to aggressively assist  
8           the Afghans to achieve a solution to the conflict ac-  
9           ceptable to the Afghan people; and

10          (7) the United Nations should work to create  
11          the conditions for a continuing dialogue among the  
12          Afghan factions.

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