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S. RES. 275

To express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan.

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

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 Afghanistan 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 Afghanistan and alleviating the accompanying humanitarian
- 6 distress of the Afghan people should be a top priority
- 7 of the United States;
- 8 (3) outside interference and the provision of
- 9 arms and military supplies to the warring parties
- 10 should be halted;
- 11 (4) a unique moment in Afghan civil war exists
- 12 where all major factions are searching for a peaceful
- 13 solution to the conflict;

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