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Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ideological alliance that exists between the countries of Cuba and Venezuela, and supporting the people of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela in the quest of those peoples to achieve a truly democratic form of government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ideological alliance that exists between the countries of Cuba and Venezuela, and supporting the people of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela in the quest of those peoples to achieve a truly democratic form of government.

Whereas, for the past 2 decades, the Department of State has found Iran to be the leading sponsor of international terrorism in the world;

Whereas the Department of State has consistently added Cuba to the list of state sponsors of terrorism;

Whereas the Department of State declared in the report entitled “Patterns of Global Terrorism 2001” that “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Ministry of Intelligence and Security continued to be involved in the planning and support of terrorist acts and supported a variety of groups that use terrorism to pursue their goals”;

Whereas the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has openly declared that Israel “must be wiped off the map”, and publicly denied the Holocaust;

Whereas President Ahmadinejad has similarly called for the destruction of the United States and the hatred of all Jewish peoples;

Whereas President Ahmadinejad recently attended a summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Cuba and, in cooperation with Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez, has used that body as a platform to spread anti-democratic messages;

Whereas the Government of Cuba, led by Fidel Castro, and the Government of Venezuela, led by President Hugo Chavez, have—

- (1) repressed political dissent in the countries of those leaders;
- (2) propagated antidemocratic ideals; and
- (3) participated in the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement;

Whereas, in September 2000, while being interviewed by Al-Jazeera television, President Castro stated that “We are not ready for reconciliation with the United States, and I will not reconcile with the imperialist system”;

Whereas, in August 2005, President Chavez stated that “socialism is the only path”, and that his goal is to “save a world threatened by the voracity of U.S. imperialism”;

Whereas, on September 20, 2006, while speaking to the General Assembly of the United Nations, President Chavez referred to the President of the United States as the devil, stating “The devil came here yesterday . . . and it smells of sulfur still today.”; and

Whereas neither the Non-Aligned Movement nor the United Nations should exist as a venue to spread hate, demagoguery, and anti-democratic ideals: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns—

3 (A) the anti-democratic actions of, and repressive regimes created by, the leaders of the
4 Governments of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela; and
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6 (B) the misguided, irrational, and outrageous statements of the leaders of those countries;

9 (2) expresses concern relating to the national security implications of the relationships between
10 those leaders;

12 (3) supports the people of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela in the quest of those peoples to achieve a truly democratic form of government; and

15 (4) calls on the international community to condemn the antidemocratic actions of those repressive regimes.

