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Celebrating 25 years of strategic partnership between the United States
and Romania.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. TURNER) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Celebrating 25 years of strategic partnership between the
United States and Romania.

Whereas the strategic partnership between the United States
and Romania was launched on July 11, 1997, providing
a comprehensive framework to strengthen bilateral rela-
tions and advance the two countries' common interests in
promoting transatlantic security, democratic values, and
economic development;

Whereas, on September 13, 2011, this strategic partnership
advanced to a new level with the adoption of the Joint
Declaration on Strategic Partnership for the 21st Cen-
tury between Romania and the United States;

Whereas the United States and Romania have continuously
expanded their economic relationship through increased
bilateral trade and investment;

Whereas over more than a century, the Romanian-American community's rich cultural heritage is a valued part of American society;

Whereas over the past 25 years, Romania has advanced security and democratic principles in Central and Eastern Europe and the Black Sea region, and has actively contributed, as a member of NATO and the European Union, to forging a strong transatlantic partnership, including as one of the top troop contributors to NATO's almost 2-decade mission in Afghanistan;

Whereas Romania is a founding member of the Bucharest Nine regional NATO cooperation format, aimed at strengthening defense and deterrence on the eastern flank of the alliance;

Whereas Romania's commitment to transatlantic common defense includes hosting the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense System, which protects NATO members from ballistic missile threats;

Whereas Romania has played a pivotal role in NATO's efforts to counter Russian aggression, consistently meeting or exceeding NATO's 2 percent of GDP defense spending target, and offering to host one of NATO's 4 new multinational battlegroups;

Whereas Romania's efforts and commitment to support Ukraine in the face of Russia's unprovoked and illegal military invasion deserve full recognition;

Whereas Romania provides critical assistance to the Ukrainian people, offering refuge and safe passage to over one million Ukrainians fleeing Russia's invasion;

Whereas Romania will continue to host rotational brigade combat teams from the United States to enhance the collective deterrent capabilities of the NATO alliance; and

Whereas 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the strategic partnership between the United States and Romania: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the 25th anniversary of the strategic partnership between the United States and Romania, congratulates Romania on this important milestone, and thanks the Romanian people for their steadfast friendship and contribution to the progress of our bilateral relationship;

3 (2) reaffirms the close bonds between the United States and Romania, based on a common commitment to freedom, democracy, rule of law, and economic prosperity;

4 (3) appreciates Romania's staunch support for transatlantic security and prosperity, and its unwavering commitment to advancing peace, freedom, and security;

5 (4) recognizes Romania as a close and capable partner in stabilizing Europe's Black Sea region; and

6 (5) calls on the executive branch of the Federal Government to continue to strengthen the strategic

1 partnership between the United States and Romania
2 and to find new ways to leverage, support, and de-
3 velop the friendship and cooperation between our
4 two nations.

