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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.**S. Res. 156**

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the 10-year anniversary of NATO Allied Command Transformation.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: "That the Senate—
- 3 (1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the es-
- 4 tablishment of NATO Allied Command Trans-
- 5 formation (NATO ACT);
- 6 (2) recognizes NATO ACT's leading role in
- 7 transforming Alliance forces and capabilities, using
- 8 new concepts such as the NATO Response Force
- 9 and new doctrines in order to improve the Alliance's
- 10 military effectiveness;
- 11 (3) expresses appreciation for the continuing
- 12 and close partnership between the United States
- 13 Government and NATO to transform the Alliance;

1 (4) remembers the 64 years NATO has served
2 to ensure peace, security, and stability in Europe
3 throughout the world, and urges the United States
4 Government to continue to seek new ways to deepen
5 and expand its important relationships with NATO;

6 (5) recognizes the service of the brave men and
7 women who have served to safeguard the freedom
8 and security of the United States and the whole of
9 the transatlantic alliance;

10 (6) honors the sacrifices of United States per-
11 sonnel, allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
12 tion, and partners in Afghanistan;

13 (7) recognizes the outstanding partnership be-
14 tween the local community in Norfolk, Virginia and
15 NATO personnel assigned to ACT;

16 (8) reaffirms that NATO, through the new
17 Strategic Concept, is committed to helping the Alli-
18 ance adapt and prepare for the complex and de-
19 manding future security;

20 (9) urges all NATO members to take concrete
21 steps to implement the Strategic Concept and to uti-
22 lize the taskings from the 2012 NATO summit in
23 Chicago, Illinois, to address current NATO oper-
24 ations, future capabilities and burden-sharing issues,

1 and strengthen the relationship between NATO and
2 partners around the world;

3 (10) calls upon the President to use the mo-
4 mentum of the occasion of the 10th anniversary of
5 NATO ACT—

6 (A) to engage each of the member states of
7 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a
8 dialogue about the long-term health of the Alli-
9 ance, and strongly encourage each of the mem-
10 ber states to make a serious effort to protect
11 defense budgets from further reductions, better
12 allocate and coordinate the resources presently
13 available, and recommit to spending at least 2
14 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) on de-
15 fense; and

16 (B) to examine and report to Congress on
17 recommendations that will lead to a stronger
18 Alliance in terms of military capability and
19 readiness across the 28 member states, with
20 particular focus on the smaller member states;
21 and

22 (11) conveys appreciation for the steadfast
23 partnership between NATO and the United States.