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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 10, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to consider and
2 ultimately select Pennsylvania as the state partner for
3 Sweden under the State Partnership Program.

4 WHEREAS, The National Guard's State Partnership Program (SPP)
5 has established a proven track record of fostering long-lasting
6 and mutually beneficial relationships between the National Guard
7 units across the United States and 100 partner countries around
8 the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The SPP significantly contributes to global peace,
10 security and stability through collaborative training, defense
11 cooperation and cultural exchange activities, as evidenced by
12 its expansive portfolio of successful partnerships spanning over
13 three decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, through its National Guard, has
15 maintained a robust and exemplary partnership with Lithuania
16 since 1993, under the auspices of the SPP, demonstrating
17 Pennsylvania's capacity to engage in effective bilateral
18 cooperation; and

1 WHEREAS, The partnership between the Pennsylvania National
2 Guard and Lithuania has resulted in numerous joint training
3 exercises, leadership development initiatives and strategic
4 engagements, thereby enhancing military interoperability,
5 fostering democratic values and strengthening international
6 ties; and

7 WHEREAS, Sweden's recent decision to join the North Atlantic
8 Treaty Organization (NATO) marks a pivotal moment in its defense
9 policy, reflecting a commitment to collective security and
10 stability in the Euro-Atlantic area; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important to integrate Sweden into established
12 security frameworks and cooperation mechanisms with NATO member
13 states and partners; and

14 WHEREAS, Sweden's strategic geographical location, advanced
15 military capabilities and longstanding commitment to promoting
16 regional security and cooperation make it a pivotal player in
17 northern Europe; and

18 WHEREAS, A partnership within the framework of the SPP would
19 not only bolster the defense capabilities of both Sweden and its
20 partner state, but also contribute to the security and stability
21 of the NATO alliance and its adjacent areas; and

22 WHEREAS, A partnership would leverage Pennsylvania's proven
23 track record of successful international military cooperation,
24 its established infrastructure for supporting such partnerships
25 and its alignment with the strategic objectives of both Sweden
26 and NATO, thereby fostering a more secure and cooperative
27 international environment; and

28 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania House of Representatives firmly
29 supports the establishment of a Pennsylvania-Sweden partnership
30 under the SPP, in recognition of the mutual benefits such a

1 partnership would entail for both parties and for the broader
2 objectives of global peace and security; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Chief of the National
5 Guard Bureau to consider and ultimately select Pennsylvania as
6 the state partner for Sweden under the State Partnership
7 Program; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the relevant committees
10 of the Congress of the United States and to each member of
11 Congress from Pennsylvania.