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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations.

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with the Government of Mongolia in January 1987 and established its first embassy in Ulaanbaatar in June 1988;

Whereas the United States and Mongolia are both fully democratic states committed to the rule of law;

Whereas, in 1991, the United States established normal trade relations with Mongolia and began a Peace Corps program that now boasts approximately 100 volunteers;

Whereas the United States has a continued commitment to Mongolia's economic and political development and has

contributed over \$150,000,000 in aid for that purpose since 1991;

Whereas the United States has supported Mongolia's participation in the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank;

Whereas the United States and Mongolia strengthened their trade relationship through the signing of a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement in 2004 to boost bilateral commercial ties and resolve trade disputes;

Whereas Mongolia continues to work with the United States to combat global terrorism and, since April 2003, has contributed engineers, troops, and medical personnel to Operation Iraqi Freedom and has participated in training National Army artillery units in Afghanistan;

Whereas Mongolia has demonstrated an expanding desire to join the United States in global peacekeeping activities by sending a contingent of 250 soldiers to protect the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a platoon to participate in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) mission in Kosovo, and personnel to serve as United Nations observers in Sudan, Ethiopia, and Eritrea;

Whereas the United States and Mongolia share an interest in promoting peaceful cooperation in south central Asia; and

Whereas Mongolia was named eligible for Millennium Challenge Compact assistance on May 6, 2004, submitted its official proposal on October 13, 2005, and had its proposal approved by the Millennium Challenge Corporation on September 12, 2007: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the strength and endurance of the partner-
2 ship between the United States and Mongolia should
3 be acknowledged and celebrated;

4 (2) the United States should encourage contin-
5 ued economic cooperation with Mongolia, including
6 in areas such as mining, construction, information
7 technology, tourism, and meat processing, to the bet-
8 terment of both our economies;

9 (3) the United States should continue to work
10 with the International Monetary Fund, the World
11 Bank, and the Asian Development Bank to improve
12 Mongolia's economic system;

13 (4) the United States should provide Mongolia
14 assistance under the Millennium Challenge Compact
15 and work to finalize the compact in a timely fashion;
16 and

17 (5) the United States should encourage greater
18 academic and cultural exchanges with Mongolia.

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