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S. RES. 418

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by officials of the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by officials of the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia.

Whereas, since 1993, the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia has been reaffirmed by the international community, international law, and 32 United Nations Security Council Resolutions;

Whereas the Republic of Georgia has pursued the peaceful resolution of territorial conflicts in the regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia since the end of hostilities in 1993;

Whereas, by stating that the Russian Federation should diplomatically recognize Abkhazia and South Ossetia as

independent states, certain officials of the Government of the Russian Federation have undermined the peace and security of those regions and the Republic of Georgia as a whole; and

Whereas the statements of those officials are incompatible with the role of the Russian Federation as one of the world's leading powers and are inconsistent with the commitments of the Russian Federation to international peacekeeping: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns recent statements by officials of
3 the Government of the Russian Federation that the
4 Russian Federation should recognize the regions of
5 Abkhazia and South Ossetia as states independent
6 of the Republic of Georgia as a violation of the sov-
7 ereignty of the Republic of Georgia and the commit-
8 ments of the Russian Federation to international
9 peacekeeping;

10 (2) calls upon the Government of the Russian
11 Federation to disavow these statements;

12 (3) affirms that the restoration of the territorial
13 integrity of the Republic of Georgia is in the interest
14 of all who seek peace and stability in the region; and

15 (4) urges all parties to the conflicts in the Re-
16 public of Georgia and governments around the world
17 to eschew rhetoric that escalates tensions and under-

- 1 mines efforts to negotiate a settlement to the con-
- 2 flicts.

