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To direct the Commander of United States Army Special Operations Command to seek to carry out a training program with special operations forces of the Polish Army.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “General Thaddeus
5 Kosciuszko Memorial Exchange Program for Polish-Amer-
6 ican Defense Cooperation Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSES.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Thaddeus Kosciuszko served the United
2 States and his native Poland with honor and distinc-
3 tion during a vital time in each country’s fight for
4 democracy and freedom from tyranny, so it is fitting
5 to establish in his name a fellowship to build and
6 strengthen cooperation between officials of the
7 United States and Poland.

8 (2) Thaddeus Kosciuszko’s tactical acumen and
9 engineering excellence were vital to the American
10 victory at the battle of Saratoga, the establishment
11 and defense of West Point, and the blockade of
12 Charleston, which helped bring about the end of the
13 Revolutionary War.

14 (3) A fierce defender of freedom and equality,
15 Thaddeus Kosciuszko tirelessly advocated for the
16 end of slavery and serfdom in America, Poland, and
17 across the globe, including leading the Polish revolu-
18 tion against the Russian and Prussian armies in the
19 18th century.

20 (4) Poland is a vital ally to the United States
21 in Europe, and the enhancement of strategic and
22 military cooperation is of utmost importance to suc-
23 cessful foreign policy implementation and maintain-
24 ing peace and stability for the United States and its
25 European partners.

1 (5) Polish and American special forces possess
2 significant expertise in the execution of all types of
3 counterterrorism, covert operations, and unconven-
4 tional warfare, from decades of training and co-
5 operation.

6 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

7 (1) to enhance the national security and defen-
8 sive capabilities of the United States and Poland
9 and enable both countries to effectively respond to
10 emerging threats and future challenges in Eastern
11 Europe and around the globe;

12 (2) to provide a program for the exchange of
13 special forces soldiers that will increase capability
14 and readiness levels for both countries through in-
15 creased cooperation and training; and

16 (3) to encourage, through increased coopera-
17 tion, more NATO allies to emphasize the ideals of
18 peace and stability, ensured through mutual co-
19 operation and readiness of allied defense forces.

20 **SEC. 3. GENERAL THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO EXCHANGE PRO-**
21 **GRAM.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Commander of United States
23 Army Special Operations Command shall seek to carry out
24 a training program pursuant to section 322 of title 10,
25 United States Code, between special operations forces

1 under the jurisdiction of the Commander and special
2 forces of the Polish Army. Such program shall be known
3 as the “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Exchange
4 Program for Polish-American Defense Cooperation”.

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Officers and enlisted members of
6 such special operations forces may participate in the pro-
7 gram under this section.

8 (c) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 120 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-
10 mander shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
11 of the Senate and House of Representatives a report re-
12 garding progress of the Commander in carrying out the
13 program under this section.

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