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# S. RES. 220

Recognizing the historic significance of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Defense State Partnership Program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2023

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. RISCH, Ms. SMITH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the historic significance of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Defense State Partnership Program.

Whereas the Department of Defense State Partnership Program (referred to in this preamble as the “State Partnership Program”) has evolved from a program designed to assist countries emerging from behind the Iron Curtain to one that now involves 100 nations and the National Guard of every State and territory of the United States;

Whereas members of the National Guard work with partner militaries to bolster capabilities, improve interoperability, and enhance principles of responsible governance;

Whereas the State Partnership Program delivers a significant return on investment by broadening the pool of security partners who are willing and able to support defense and security cooperation objectives of the United States around the world;

Whereas most of the earliest State Partnership Program partner countries in Europe have gone on to become United States allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and many of them credit the State Partnership Program and their National Guard State partners with helping to make that possible;

Whereas the State Partnership Program helps ensure that the Department of Defense has capable, trusted, and interoperable partners;

Whereas the State Partnership Program has created 88 enduring, cost-effective partnerships with 100 nations encompassing over  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the countries in the world;

Whereas members of the National Guard typically engage in more than 1,000 State Partnership Program events per year;

Whereas the National Guard Bureau is working with the commanders of the combatant commands and the Department of State to increase State Partnership Program partnerships by 2 nations per year for the next 15 years; and

Whereas commanders of the combatant commands and United States ambassadors strongly endorse the State

Partnership Program for cultivating long-term relationships with partners: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes the historic significance of the  
3       30th anniversary of the founding of the Department  
4       of Defense State Partnership Program;

5               (2) expresses deep gratitude for the continuing  
6       service by members of the National Guard in sup-  
7       port of the Department of Defense State Partner-  
8       ship Program;

9               (3) recognizes the outsized influence of the De-  
10       partment of Defense State Partnership Program in  
11       developing and supporting enduring relationships  
12       around the world that serve both the interests of the  
13       partner nations and the United States; and

14               (4) supports the continued expansion of the De-  
15       partment of Defense State Partnership Program in  
16       furtherance of global security cooperation.

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