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S. RES. 275

To express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28 1996

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

JULY 24, 1996

Reported by Mr. HELMS, with an amendment

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, prior to 1979, Afghanistan was a peaceful, united
country;

Whereas the successful fight of brave men and women of Af-
ghanistan resisting the Soviet invasion and occupation of
1979–1989 was a significant element in the dissolution of
the Soviet empire;

Whereas the dissolution of the Soviet empire brought freedom
to the nations of central and eastern Europe as well as
to the nations of central Asia;

Whereas although many years after the Soviet Union withdrawal, Afghanistan does not enjoy the peace it has earned;

Whereas the United Nations can play a unique and important role in bringing an end to the conflict in Afghanistan; and

Whereas recent meetings between Members of Congress and the representatives of the major Afghan factions indicate a significant desire on the part of all parties to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan and the establishment of an effective government that represents the interests of the Afghan people: Now, therefore, be it

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

2 (1) the courageous people of Afghanistan have
3 earned the world's respect and support for their epic
4 struggle against the forces of communism;

5 (2) resolving the continuing conflict in Afghani-
6 stan and alleviating the accompanying humanitarian
7 distress of the Afghan people should be a top prior-
8 ity of the United States;

9 (3) outside interference and the provision of
10 arms and military supplies to the warring parties
11 should be halted;

12 (4) a unique moment in Afghan civil war exists
13 where all major factions are searching for a peaceful
14 solution to the conflict;

1 (5) urges the United Nations Security Council
2 to impose an international arms embargo on Af-
3 ghanistan to halt the resupply of arms and ammuni-
4 tion to the warring factions;

5 (6) the United States welcomes the appoint-
6 ment by the United Nations of a new special envoy
7 to Afghanistan and urges him to aggressively assist
8 the Afghans to achieve a solution to the conflict ac-
9 ceptable to the Afghan people; and

10 (7) the United Nations should work to create
11 the conditions for a continuing dialogue among the
12 Afghan factions.

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