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S. RES. 314

Commemorating and honoring President Boris Trajkovski.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2004

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating and honoring President Boris Trajkovski.

Whereas President Boris Trajkovski of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia played a vital role in efforts to promote peace, stability, and democratic reform in his country and throughout Southeast Europe;

Whereas President Trajkovski was tragically killed on Thursday, February 26, 2004, when a plane carrying the President and 8 others crashed in southern Bosnia;

Whereas the people elected Boris Trajkovski to serve as President in November 1999, and inaugurated him as the second Macedonian President on December 15, 1999;

Whereas President Trajkovski led the country during a tumultuous period in Southeast Europe, working with the international community to accommodate refugees following the crisis in neighboring Kosovo in 1999, and

playing a significant role in the signing of the Ohrid Framework Agreement in 2001;

Whereas President Trajkovski promoted the rule of law and respect for human rights, and encouraged economic, judicial, and military reforms necessary to move the country toward membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union; and

Whereas the Macedonian government continues to work to join Europe's democratic institutions, and peace and stability in the country is critical to the broader region of Southeast Europe: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) offers its condolences and deepest sympathy
3 to the people of the Former Yugoslav Republic of
4 Macedonia, the family of President Boris Trajkovski,
5 and the families of the other crash victims during
6 this difficult period;

7 (2) recognizes the courageous leadership and
8 the significant role that President Trajkovski played
9 in efforts to promote peace, stability, and reform, in-
10 cluding his work to secure the 2001 Ohrid Frame-
11 work Agreement; and

12 (3) encourages the Macedonian government to
13 continue efforts to implement the Ohrid Peace
14 Agreement, and to move forward with reforms nec-

- 1 essary to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
- 2 tion and the European Union.

