

2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 9

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1 **Relating to:** supporting the admission of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the
2 North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

3 Whereas, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are free, democratic, and
4 independent nations with a long and proud history; and

5 Whereas, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania struggled long and hard to throw off
6 the yoke of oppression imposed upon them by the former Soviet Union; and

7 Whereas, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is dedicated to the
8 preservation of freedom and security for its member nations; and

9 Whereas, since 1994, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have been active members
10 of NATO's Partnership for Peace program of cooperation between NATO and
11 individual partner countries, and are contributing to NATO's peace operations in the
12 Balkans and central Asia, and are developing their defense capabilities through
13 close coordination with NATO through the Membership Action Program; and

