

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the twentieth anniversary of the State Partnership Program between the Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana.

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2 anniversary of the State Partnership Program between the Slovak
3 Republic and the State of Indiana.

4 *Whereas, In 1993, the State Partnership Program was*
5 *established as a program administered by the National*
6 *Guard Bureau, guided by State Department foreign policy*
7 *goals, and executed by the state Adjutants General in support*
8 *of combatant Command and United States Chief of Mission*
9 *security cooperation objectives and Department of Defense*
10 *policy goals;*

11 *Whereas, The four goals set forth by the National Guard*
12 *Bureau are to build partnership capacity to deter, prevent,*
13 *and prepare for conflict, terrorism, and transnational crime;*
14 *build partner capacity to respond and recover from the*
15 *aforementioned threats; support partner nations' defense*
16 *reform and professional development; and enable and*
17 *facilitate enduring security relationships in support of the*
18 *Department of State and other lead agencies to include*
19 *economic, cultural, environmental, agricultural, health, and*
20 *education cooperation;*

21 *Whereas, The Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana*
22 *share a common bond of cultural heritage evident by the*
23 *agricultural and industrial origins of the State of Indiana and*
24 *the Slovak Republic;*

25 *Whereas, The Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana*
26 *formally entered into the State Partnership Program on the*



1 *9th day of February, 1994, one of the first eight partnerships*
2 *to be established in a program that has endured over 20*
3 *years and now encompasses each state and territory in the*
4 *United States and 65 countries worldwide;*

5 *Whereas, The Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana*
6 *have pursued the four goals set forth by the National Guard*
7 *Bureau by engaging in senior leader visitations,*
8 *military-to-military exchanges, joint exercises, and joint*
9 *operations over the past 20 years resulting in an enduring*
10 *bond between the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic and*
11 *the State of Indiana;*

12 *Whereas, The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic and the*
13 *Indiana National Guard mutually benefited from the*
14 *relationship of the past two decades evident by the transition*
15 *from conscription to an all-volunteer force, the establishment*
16 *of a professional noncommissioned officer corps, and gender*
17 *equality in the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. As the*
18 *relationship continued to mature, together the Armed Forces*
19 *of the Slovak Republic and the Indiana National Guard*
20 *realized the opportunity to conduct exercises and operations*
21 *in a joint and multinational environment;*

22 *Whereas, The Slovak Republic is dedicated to peace on the*
23 *European continent as evidenced by the commitment of*
24 *Soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic to*
25 *peacekeeping operations in support of Kosovo Force (KFOR)*
26 *and induction into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as*
27 *an official member on March 29, 2004;*

28 *Whereas, The Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana*
29 *worked together to mobilize, train, and deploy soldiers of*
30 *both the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic and the*
31 *Indiana National Guard in support of multinational*
32 *operations as part of International Security Assistance Force*
33 *- Afghanistan (ISAF) in support of Operation Enduring*
34 *Freedom;*

35 *Whereas, The Operational Mentor and Liaison Team*
36 *(OMLT) - today known as the Military Assistance Team*
37 *(MAT) - saw the results of the past two decades of labor as*
38 *a true multinational operational mission between long*



1 *standing allies. The OMLT - or MAT - teams were manned,*
2 *equipped, and trained by both the Armed Forces of the*
3 *Slovak Republic and the Indiana National Guard. Each team*
4 *was led by a senior officer of the Armed Forces of the Slovak*
5 *Republic and charged with the mission to train the Afghan*
6 *National Army on logistics systems and tactics. The*
7 *successful deployment of four teams over three years - from*
8 *2011 through 2013 - represents the success of the State*
9 *Partnership Program from inception through maturity and*
10 *provides the basis for future Unified Action operations as*
11 *part of the joint and multinational force; and*

12 *Whereas, Soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Slovak*
13 *Republic and the State of Indiana have paid the ultimate*
14 *sacrifice in pursuit of peace: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
16 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
17 *the House of Representatives concurring:*

18 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
19 enduring relationship marked on this occasion of 20 years of friendship
20 between the Slovak Republic and the State of Indiana.

21 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
22 Secretary of the Senate to Major General R. Martin Umbarger,
23 Adjutant General of Indiana, and Major General Peter Vojtek, Chief of
24 Defense for the Slovak Republic.

