

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and  
3 Lithuania are free, democratic, and independent nations with  
4 a long and proud history; and

5 WHEREAS, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is  
6 dedicated to the preservation of the freedom and security of  
7 its member nations; and

8 WHEREAS, The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and  
9 Lithuania desire to share in both the benefits and  
10 obligations of NATO in pursuing the development, growth, and  
11 promotion of democratic institutions and ensuring free market  
12 economic development; and

13 WHEREAS, Those nations recognize their responsibilities  
14 as democratic nations and wish to exercise these  
15 responsibilities in concert with members of NATO; and

16 WHEREAS, The Baltic States desire to become part of  
17 NATO's efforts to prevent the extremes of nationalism; and

18 WHEREAS, The security of the United States is dependent  
19 upon the stability of central Europe; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the  
22 admission of the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and  
23 Lithuania to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be  
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
26 delivered to the President of the United States, the  
27 President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Committee on  
28 Foreign Relations of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S.  
29 House of Representatives, the Committee on International  
30 Relations of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each

1 member of the Illinois congressional delegation.