**A Resolution to Expand NATO**

**WHEREAS**, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed to protect United States allies from the threat of the Soviet Union after World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, In the seventy years since its formation, NATO has formed a strong barrier against Communist aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, The fall of the Soviet Union did not bring about the end of Russian ambition and aggression in Eastern Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, The annexation of the Crimea demonstrated that Vladimir Putin is more of a threat to Europe than any Soviet Premier ever was; and

**WHEREAS**, NATO will need more military power to defend members against possible Russian action; and

**WHEREAS**, Our current administration has shown deference to Russia; and

**WHEREAS**, Our current administration has made public statements indicating that it would not support or defend certain NATO allies; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that NATO should seek to expand beyond its traditional borders and add new members who will assist the current members with defending themselves against any Russian intimidation or incursion.