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Commending the Department of Justice for its investigation into the interference by the Russian Federation in the 2016 United States presidential election, and maintaining that the Russian Federation must be held accountable for its actions.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Commending the Department of Justice for its investigation into the interference by the Russian Federation in the 2016 United States presidential election, and maintaining that the Russian Federation must be held accountable for its actions.

Whereas, on July 13, 2018, an investigation of the Department of Justice resulted in the indictment of 12 officials of the Government of the Russian Federation for interfering with the 2016 United States presidential election;

Whereas, on July 13, 2018, when speaking about the digital infrastructure of the United States being under attack from foreign actors, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats stated, “In regards to state actions, Russia has been the most aggressive foreign actor. No question.

And they continue their efforts to undermine our democracy.”; and

Whereas, on July 16, 2018, in a joint press conference in Helsinki, Finland, the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, denied that the Russian Federation interfered in the 2016 United States presidential election: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) commends the Department of Justice for its  
3       thorough investigation into the interference in the  
4       2016 United States presidential election, which re-  
5       sulted in the indictment of 12 intelligence officers of  
6       the Government of the Russian Federation;

7               (2) agrees with the assessment of the United  
8       States intelligence community that the Russian Fed-  
9       eration interfered with the 2016 United States presi-  
10      dential election, and rejects the Russian Federation’s  
11      denial of such involvement;

12              (3) reaffirms its position that the Russian Fed-  
13      eration must be held accountable for interfering in  
14      the 2016 United States presidential election;

15              (4) calls upon relevant committees of the Sen-  
16      ate to exercise congressional oversight, including  
17      prompt hearings and the release of relevant notes  
18      and information, to better understand the impact of  
19      the recent summit in Helsinki, Finland, on the for-

1        eign policy and national security of the United  
2        States; and

3                (5) calls for the immediate and full implementa-  
4        tion of mandatory sanctions provided for in the  
5        Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanc-  
6        tions Act (Public Law 115-44; 131 Stat. 886), which  
7        passed the Senate 98–2, to deter and punish election  
8        interference by the Russian Federation.