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H. CON. RES. 32

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the storage of nuclear waste on any territory or possession of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. LEACH, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. STARK, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the storage of nuclear waste on any territory or possession of the United States.

Whereas the Insular Area Appropriation Act of 1980 prohibits the transport of nuclear waste to and the storage of nuclear waste on any territory or possession of the United States, unless such transport or storage is specifically authorized by an Act of Congress, and such an authorization has never been granted;

Whereas the people of the territories of the United States in the Pacific region have paid a high price—socially, economically, and environmentally—as a result of nuclear testing;

Whereas the coral and volcanic islands of the Pacific territories are geographically unstable and prone to extreme weather conditions, making those islands poor candidates for the site of a nuclear waste repository; and

Whereas certain foreign interests are now seeking to develop a private nuclear waste storage facility on one or both of Wake Island and Palmyra Atoll: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the
 3 transport of nuclear waste to and the storage of nuclear
 4 waste on any territory or possession of the United States,
 5 including Wake Island and Palmyra Atoll, should continue
 6 to be prohibited.

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