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Condemning the launching by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of a ballistic missile in violation of Japanese air space, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KIM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Condemning the launching by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of a ballistic missile in violation of Japanese air space, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) launched a medium range ballistic missile into the Pacific Ocean on August 31, 1998, in violation of Japanese air space;

Whereas this act adds considerable tension to an already unstable region of the world;

Whereas this missile launch comes at a time when new South Korean President Kim Dae Jung is attempting to thaw relations with the DPRK by implementing his "Sunshine Policy", which includes his proposal to have Kumgang Mountain in the DPRK opened up to South Korean tourists;

Whereas official North Korean media criticized Japan for openly stating its legitimate concern over the missile test;

Whereas the DPRK has openly engaged in the transfer of significant missile technology to nations such as Iran, Syria, and Pakistan;

Whereas the United States has acted in good faith with regard to the DPRK and provides more food aid and fuel oil to the DPRK than any other country;

Whereas some United States food aid has been diverted from its intended beneficiaries to the armed forces, in clear violation of agreed upon conditions; and

Whereas appeasement of hostile and irrational undemocratic regimes has had disastrous consequences in this century: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the launching by the Democratic
3 People's Republic of Korea of a medium range bal-
4 listic missile in violation of Japanese air space and
5 calls upon the President to seriously reevaluate the
6 current policies of the United States toward that
7 country; and

8 (2) urges the President to relay the serious con-
9 cerns of the House of Representatives to the Demo-
10 cratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the mis-
11 sile launch and the ramifications such missile
12 launches could have on future food and energy as-
13 sistance to that country.

