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H. RES. 554

To condemn North Korea's missile launch over Japan.

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Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

To condemn North Korea's missile launch over Japan.

Whereas on August 31, 1998, the Government of North Korea launched a 3-stage ballistic missile in and over the territorial airspace and waters of Japan;

Whereas North Korea launched this missile for the purpose of launching a satellite into orbit in a reckless manner over inhabited lands of Japan, a sovereign and independent nation, without warning, provocation, or permission;

Whereas the missile that was fired is a modified version of the Taepodong I, which has an estimated range of up to 6,000 kilometers;

Whereas the Taepodong I missile is a medium range ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear, chemical, or biological weapon of mass destruction;

Whereas North Korea has ignored international attempts to curb the proliferation of ballistic missile technology and as a result has been earning an estimated \$1,000,000,000 annually from illicit missile sales to other rogue nations such as Iran, Syria, and Libya;

Whereas the success of any subsequent tests of the Taepodong I will further advance the development of North Korea's long range ballistic missile program, the Taepodong II, with a range of approximately 4,000 to 6,000 kilometers, thus placing Guam and Alaska at risk of an attack;

Whereas recent defectors from North Korea have indicated that North Korea's Taepodong and Nodong missile programs are in the final stages of development;

Whereas United States intelligence assets have indicated that a large new underground complex is being built near Pyongyang, contrary to the spirit of the 1994 Agreed Framework that halted development of North Korea's nuclear weapons program;

Whereas the North Korean Government is willing to conduct its foreign policy in a game of brinkmanship in order to boost morale and improve its bargaining leverage in international negotiations; and

Whereas the Taepodong I missile directly places all 37,000 United States troops in South Korea and 44,000 United States troops in Japan at risk: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns North Korea's Government and
3 military for the missile launch over Japan of August
4 31, 1998;

1 (2) calls on the Government of North Korea to
2 cease all production of weapons of mass destruction
3 and cease proliferation of ballistic missiles to other
4 nations; and

5 (3) calls on the Government of North Korea to
6 abide by the 1994 Agreed Framework entered into
7 by North Korea, the United States, Japan, and
8 South Korea.

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