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H. RES. 369

On reducing the risks and dangers associated with nuclear weapons in the
new millennium.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

On reducing the risks and dangers associated with nuclear
weapons in the new millennium.

Whereas it has been 10 years since the end of the Cold War
and thousands of nuclear weapons still exist and remain
on hair trigger alert postures prolonging the possibility of
accidental nuclear war;

Whereas the United States has failed to fulfill its obligations
toward nuclear disarmament under article IV of the Nu-
clear Non-Proliferation Treaty to pursue negotiations in
good faith on effective measures toward nuclear disar-
mament;

Whereas the bilateral measures for nuclear arms control
under the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)

process have ground to a halt with restrictions by the Congress for further cuts below START II levels until the Russian Duma ratifies START II;

Whereas in 1991 President George Bush ordered the United States to unilaterally withdraw tens of thousands of forward-deployed nuclear tactical weapons and remove thousands more from high alert status and Russian President Gorbachev reciprocated;

Whereas on August 19, 1999, Russia proposed additional reductions by cutting nearly in half the number of nuclear warheads that would be allowed under a prospective START III treaty and the United States failed to agree to the offer; and

Whereas previous congressional resolutions on furthering complete nuclear disarmament (such as H. Res. 82) require the urgent attention of the Congress to adopt such measures for the prompt reduction of nuclear weapons; and

Whereas a congressional delegation met with a Duma delegation during the war in Kosovo and successfully promoted cooperation and built confidence between both countries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the President to initiate emergency
3 negotiations with Russia leading to reciprocal reductions in the strategic and substrategic arsenals in
4 both countries;
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6 (2) welcomes House Resolution 82 and requests
7 the support of the Congress to promote measures

1 through the United Nations on nuclear disar-
2 mament; and

3 (3) requests that a congressional delegation
4 convene meetings to discuss nuclear disarmament of
5 United States and Russian nuclear arsenals with a
6 delegation from the Russian Duma as soon as pos-
7 sible.

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