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H. CON. RES. 420

Expressing support for withdrawal of the United States from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 support for withdrawal of the United States from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

Whereas the Treaty between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems, signed at Moscow on May 26, 1972 (23 UST 3435), which restricts the number and location of anti-ballistic missile systems in each country, is based on the theory of “mutual assured destruction”—that neither party would launch a nuclear missile attack because to do so would result in both mutual and total destruction;

Whereas circumstances affecting United States national security have changed fundamentally since 1972: today, not only do the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China have ballistic missile arsenals that are capable of reaching the United States, but so do a growing number of other countries that are hostile to United States interests;

Whereas today the United States is confronted with new threats to its national security, threats such as the use of weapons of mass destruction wielded by terrorists and rogue nations;

Whereas numerous countries are acquiring increasingly longer-range ballistic missiles as instruments of blackmail and coercion against the United States and its allies;

Whereas the United States must defend its homeland, its armed forces, and friendly and allied countries against these threats, including through the development and deployment of a national missile defense system—a system which would violate the terms of the ABM Treaty—and through cooperation with friendly and allied countries in the development and deployment of such a layered missile defense system against long-range threats; and

Whereas on December 13, 2001, President G.W. Bush provided notice to the Russian Federation that the United States would withdraw from the ABM Treaty effective June 13, 2002, in accordance with Article XV of the Treaty: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That Congress supports the decision of the*
- 3 *President to withdraw the United States from the Anti-*
- 4 *Ballistic Missile Treaty effective June 13, 2002, in accord-*

1 ance with Article XV of the Treaty, and to provide for
2 the establishment of a robust layered missile defense sys-
3 tem to protect the United States and its allies.

