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Expressing the sense of Congress that the crisis regarding Iran's nuclear program should be resolved primarily through diplomatic means.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. ANDREWS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the crisis regarding Iran's nuclear program should be resolved primarily through diplomatic means.

Whereas the Islamic Republic of Iran is a signatory to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);

Whereas Iran is a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);

Whereas Iran agreed to safeguards to ensure compliance with its nonproliferation commitments under the NPT, but subsequently withdrew from these voluntary measures and removed IAEA seals from its facilities in January 2006;

Whereas the IAEA reported numerous concerns with the implementation of such safeguards to ensure Iran's compliance with its nonproliferation commitments;

Whereas international inspections in 2003 and 2004 of Iran's nuclear program revealed significant undeclared activities with potential application for the development of nuclear weapons, especially with regard to its centrifuge program;

Whereas in 2003 and 2004, the IAEA found instances of undeclared nuclear fuel cycle activities in conflict with Iran's obligations under the NPT;

Whereas on September 24, 2005, the IAEA Board of Governors found Iran to be in noncompliance with its NPT safeguards agreement;

Whereas on February 4, 2006, the IAEA voted to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council;

Whereas in a January 23, 2006, interview, IAEA Director General Mohammed El-Baradei said "even after three years I am not yet in a position to make a judgment on the peaceful nature of [Iran's nuclear] program";

Whereas the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a statement on March 29, 2006, urging Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment research activities;

Whereas Iran has declared its success in enriching uranium and its continued research on both P-1 and P-2 centrifuges;

Whereas Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadijad has declared his desire to "wipe Israel off the map" and imagine "a world without America";

Whereas Iran has continually rebuked efforts of the European Union and the Russian Federation to offer eco-

conomic and political incentives to Iran in exchange for full compliance with its nonproliferation commitments;

Whereas countries are reviewing military options in response to Iran's noncompliance with its nonproliferation commitments;

Whereas Iran is highly dependent on the international sale of oil for its export earnings;

Whereas Iran is also highly dependent on the importation of foreign gasoline to supply its energy needs;

Whereas mismanagement of Iran's economy has resulted in a sprawling, inefficient state sector, high unemployment and inflation, and flight of foreign investment;

Whereas, if the supply of gasoline to Iran is restricted, the impact on Iran's economy would be considerable; and

Whereas diplomatic means present the most effective way to defuse the crisis regarding Iran's nuclear program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) diplomatic engagement should continue to
4 be the primary means to resolve the crisis regarding
5 Iran's nuclear program;

6 (2) as part of the diplomatic effort, the United
7 States should consider other options, including the
8 restriction of the supply of gasoline to Iran, to pre-
9 vent the acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran
10 under cover of its nuclear program; and

1 (3) such restriction should be administered by
2 a multilateral coalition of countries to enforce Iran's
3 nonproliferation commitments, including non-
4 proliferation commitments under the Treaty on the
5 Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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