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Calling on the Government of North Korea to cease all production of weapons of mass destruction, to cease proliferation of ballistic missiles, and to uphold its 1999 pledge to refrain from intercontinental ballistic missile testing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO (for herself and Mr. McCOTTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Calling on the Government of North Korea to cease all production of weapons of mass destruction, to cease proliferation of ballistic missiles, and to uphold its 1999 pledge to refrain from intercontinental ballistic missile testing, and for other purposes.

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

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

Whereas the missile that was fired is a modified version of the Taepodong 1, which has an estimated range of up to 6,000 kilometers;

Whereas the Taepodong 1 missile is a medium range ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear, chemical, or biological weapon of mass destruction;

Whereas the international community condemned the 1998 Taepodong 1 missile launch;

Whereas the Government of North Korea imposed a moratorium on testing long-range missiles in 1999, which, in turn, led the United States to lift most United States economic sanctions against North Korea;

Whereas shortly after the signing of the 1994 agreed framework between the United States and North Korea, North Korea instituted a secret program to enrich uranium;

Whereas, since North Korea's 1993 successful test of its intermediate NoDong missile, North Korea has significantly expanded sale and proliferation of such missile to countries like Iran and Syria;

Whereas the North Korean military has engaged in numerous acts of aggression in the waters in and around South Korea and Japan, including hostile military actions against South Korean and Japanese naval vessels;

Whereas in 2003 North Korea resumed operation of its plutonium nuclear facilities and informed the United States that it had resumed its nuclear weapons development program;

Whereas in 2003 North Korea withdrew from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas it is believed that North Korea has developed sufficient weapons grade plutonium for at least six nuclear weapons;

Whereas it is believed that the Government of North Korea moved a Taepodong 2 missile into a launch posture and fully loaded the missile with fuel in June 2006;

Whereas the success of any tests of the Taepodong 2 missile will further advance the development of North Korea's long-range ballistic missile program;

Whereas a second stage Taepodong 2 missile is believed to be able to reach United States locations in Guam, Alaska, and Hawaii with a sizeable payload;

Whereas a third stage Taepodong 2 missile is believed to be able to reach most locations in North America with a sizeable payload;

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

Whereas the Government of North Korea has twice boycotted the Six Party talks between North Korea, the United States, Japan, the People's Republic of China, South Korea, and the Russian Federation which are aimed at the peaceful denuclearization of North Korea; and

Whereas the Government of North Korea is urged to resolve its security concerns by returning to the Six Party talks and through other international norms of negotiation and diplomacy: Now, therefore, be it

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

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

6 (2) calls on the Government of North Korea to
7 return to international diplomatic negotiations and
8 the Six Party talks;

9 (3) expresses its concern at North Korea's re-
10 newed threatening actions taken in the development
11 of the Taepodong 2 missile;

12 (4) calls on the Government of North Korea to
13 abandon its development of the Taepodong 2 missile;
14 and

15 (5) resolves to support United States allies, in-
16 cluding South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Aus-
17 tralia, and others, threatened by North Korean
18 provocations.

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