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In the House of Representatives, May 24, 1982

1 WHEREAS, A nuclear war would threaten the survival of the
2 human race and there can be no assurance that once initiated it
3 would remain limited in scope; and

4 WHEREAS, There exists the ever-present risk that nuclear
5 weapons might be employed through accident or miscalculation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The current nuclear force imbalance is destabilizing
8 and could increase the likelihood of nuclear war; and

9 WHEREAS, Sizeable and verifiable mutual reductions of Soviet
10 Union and United States nuclear forces to an equal and far lower
11 level would enhance stability and the maintenance of peace; and

12 WHEREAS, The Soviet Union has exploited United States peace
13 initiatives and has demonstrated an unwillingness to live by
14 international law; and

15 WHEREAS, The Soviet Union has become increasingly bolder in
16 its worldwide aggression; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States, the one world power capable of

1 stopping Soviet aggression, maintains nuclear armaments only in
2 defense of freedom but would prefer to direct its efforts to
3 peaceful and humane pursuits; and

4 WHEREAS, President Reagan has proposed that substantial,
5 equitable and verifiable reductions in Soviet Union and United
6 States nuclear weapons be negotiated; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
8 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby memorializes the
9 President of the United States and his administration to make
10 the following proposals:

11 (1) That the United States propose to the Soviet Union a
12 mutual, long-term equitable and verifiable reduction of
13 nuclear weapons.

14 (2) That the United States propose to the Soviet Union
15 practical measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war
16 through accident or miscalculation and to prevent the use of
17 nuclear weapons by third parties, including terrorists.

18 (3) That the United States challenge the Soviet Union to
19 join in an historic effort to channel the resources of our
20 two peoples away from amassing nuclear armaments toward
21 resolving the ancient problems of global poverty, hunger and
22 disease.

23 (4) That the United States urge the Soviet Union to
24 insure the survival of the human race by mutually reducing
25 weapons to an equitable lower level; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly also memorializes the
27 Congress of the United States to do whatever it can within its
28 legislative powers to facilitate negotiations between the United
29 States and the Soviet Union to engage in substantial, equitable
30 and verifiable reductions of their nuclear weapons in a manner

1 which would contribute to global peace and stability and to
2 inspire, focus and unite our national will and determination and
3 support President Reagan in the achievement of these goals; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately
6 transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary
7 of State, the Speaker of the House, the President pro tempore of
8 the Senate and to each Senator and Congressman from
9 Pennsylvania.