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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New
3 START) reestablishes U.S. leadership on global
4 non-proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

5 WHEREAS, New START reduces Russia's nuclear arsenal and
6 takes concrete steps to secure a nuclear-free world without
7 sacrificing America's security; and

8 WHEREAS, New START would eventually lower the number of
9 warheads, missiles, and launchers permitted in both countries;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New START reestablishes U.S. inspections of
12 Russia's nuclear facilities and assets; and

13 WHEREAS, New START serves as a deterrent to unmonitored
14 nuclear waste disposal; and

15 WHEREAS, New START provides funding for much needed
16 maintenance and modernization of existing United States
17 nuclear facilities and assets; and

18 WHEREAS, New START provides funding for new U.S. nuclear
19 asset infrastructure; and

1 WHEREAS, New START promotes job creation; and

2 WHEREAS, The development of nuclear bunker-busters,
3 mini-nukes, and other "usable" nuclear weapons is increasing
4 the probability that such weapons will be used; and

5 WHEREAS, Reliable news reports and public statements of
6 national policy have revealed that the taboo against the combat
7 use of nuclear weapons is weakening; and

8 WHEREAS, Any violation of the taboo against the use of
9 nuclear weapons is extremely likely to stimulate further
10 violations; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of even a small nuclear weapon could
12 destroy a city like the City of Chicago, killing up to one
13 million people, or disable a mega-port or destroy a nuclear
14 power plant, thereby severely damaging the global economy, and
15 a nuclear exchange of as few as 100 nuclear explosions would
16 plunge the world into ten years of cold and famine resulting in
17 up to one billion deaths; and

18 WHEREAS, The use of any nuclear weapon for any purpose
19 whatsoever is illegal, immoral, and obscenely dangerous; and

1 WHEREAS, It is vital to rapidly arouse the global public
2 and create a worldwide political climate in strong, unwavering
3 support against the taboo use and further creation of nuclear
4 weapons; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 declare our support for New START to further reduce the number
8 of nuclear weapons in the world; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That Pasha Hunt-Golliday, in her role as a
10 Nuclear Security Ambassador, be commended for her tireless
11 advocacy on behalf of a nuclear weapon-free world.