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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are nine nations that have a combined
3 nuclear arsenal that totals over 14,000 weapons; these weapons
4 have a destructive power that is far greater than the two
5 atomic weapons that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in
6 1945; and

7 WHEREAS, The use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons
8 could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences
9 that could affect everyone on the planet; and

10 WHEREAS, As the effects of climate change place increased
11 stress on communities around the world and intensify the
12 likelihood of conflict, the danger of nuclear war will grow;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, There is an alternative to this march to nuclear
15 war; in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of
16 all nuclear weapons by approving the U.N. Treaty on the
17 Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; there are currently 79
18 signatories to the treaty, and 33 nations have ratified it; the
19 treaty will enter into force once 50 nations have ratified or
20 acceded to it; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we call upon the U.S. government to embrace the U.N. Treaty on
3 the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make global nuclear
4 disarmament the centerpiece of its national security policy;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we call upon the U.S. government to
7 spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

8 (1) Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons
9 first;

10 (2) Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any
11 president to launch a nuclear attack;

12 (3) Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger
13 alert;

14 (4) Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal
15 with enhanced weapons; and

16 (5) Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among
17 nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.
21 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the
22 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives
23 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional
24 Delegation.