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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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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

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WHEREAS, New START would eventually lower the number of  
9 warheads, missiles, and launchers permitted in both countries;  
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WHEREAS, New START reestablishes U.S. inspections of  
12 Russia's nuclear facilities and assets; and

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

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

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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.