

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Missouri view with growing concern the proliferation and buildup of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction and missile delivery systems for these weapons in the hands of hostile, or potentially hostile, and unstable foreign regimes; and

WHEREAS, the tragedy of September 11, 2002 shows that America is vulnerable to attack by foreign enemies; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has clearly established its intention to proceed with the further development of its offensive ballistic missiles and nuclear armaments, either as instruments of blackmail and extortion or for operational deployment, thereby contravening all previous nonproliferation agreements and understandings, with the effect of threatening the security of South Korea, Japan and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Missouri wish to affirm their support of the Government of the United States to take all action necessary to protect the people of America and future generations, including from attacks by missiles capable of causing mass destruction and loss of American lives:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support the President of the United States to continue to take all actions necessary, directing the considerable scientific and technological capability of the great Union, to protect all fifty states and their people, our allies and our armed forces abroad from the threat of missile attack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States and Congress be urged to consider that a nationwide, effective missile defense system will require the deployment of a robust, multi-layered architecture consisting of integrated land-based, sea-based and space-based capabilities to deter evolving future threats from missiles as weapons of mass destruction and to meet and destroy them when necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the United States and Congress be urged to plan and fund a missile defense system beyond 2005 that would consolidate technological advancement and expansion from the limited applications currently planned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.