

Res. No. 1056

Resolution urging the President of the United States to immediately halt nuclear weapons testing as a first step toward reversing and ending the arms race.

By Council Member Katzman; also Council Members Clark, DiBrienza, Dryfoos, Foster, Friedlander, Greitzer, Harrison, Leffler, Maloney, Messinger and Michels.

Whereas, A nuclear war would result in death, injury and disease on a scale unprecedented in human history; and

Whereas, Spending for the arms race is contributing to record budget deficits that threaten our nation's economic security while programs providing essential assistance to communities throughout the country are being cut back; and

Whereas, A ban on nuclear testing would promote the security of the United States by constraining new developments in the U.S./Soviet nuclear arms competition and by strengthening efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to non-nuclear countries; and

Whereas, A ban on nuclear testing would be a concrete and easily achievable first step toward a complete halt and deep reductions of ever-expanding nuclear arsenals; and

Whereas, A ban on nuclear testing can be verified with high confidence by a world-wide network of seismic monitors, satellites and other verification technology operated by the United States and other nations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Council of the City of New York that the Council urges the President of the United States to immediately join the Soviet Union in a mutual and verifiable suspension of testing as a first step toward reversing the arms race; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Council further urges the members of the New York State Congressional delegation to support legislation that would enact a moratorium on nuclear testing, to be continued as long as the Soviet Union does not test; and, be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of New York transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and New York State Congressional Delegation.

Referred to the Committee on General Welfare.