

THE COUNCIL



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Res. No. 1907

Resolution Supporting Passage of House Joint Resolution 434 and Senate Joint Resolution 163 Calling for a Mutual and Verifiable Freeze and Reduction in Nuclear Weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

By Council Member Michels; also Council Members Alter, Codd, Dryfoos, Eisland, Foster, Gerges, Greitzer, Katzman, Messinger, Orlow, Pinkett, Ryan, Steingut, Wallace and Stern—

Whereas, International nuclear armament is the greatest threat to the continued existence of humanity; and

Whereas, A nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union can only result in rising international tensions and an increased probability of nuclear conflict between them; and

Whereas, The nuclear capabilities of both the United States and the Soviet Union are substantially equivalent and neither nation could hope to survive or win a nuclear war because of the retaliatory power of the other; and

Whereas, The concept of a limited nuclear confrontation is a fallacy because any use of nuclear weapons, given their vast destructive power, would inevitably escalate into a full-scale nuclear conflict resulting in mutual, total destruction; and

Whereas, The production and deployment of nuclear weapons is also an economically counterproductive expenditure which creates an enormous strain on our federal budget; and

Whereas, Funds expended on nuclear weaponry could be better utilized for basic human needs and improving the condition of our domestic economy; and

Whereas, Freezing the production of nuclear weapons is the first essential step towards the elimination of all such weapons and an end to the risk of nuclear war; and

Whereas, House Joint Resolution 434 and Senate Joint Resolution 163 call for a mutual and verifiable freeze and reduction in nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union; and

Whereas, House Joint Resolution 434 is sponsored by 164 members of the House of Representatives and Senate Joint Resolution 163 is sponsored by 24 Senators; and

Whereas, Passage of these resolutions by the Congress of the United States would send a clear message to the President that the American people want to see an end to the nuclear arms race and a world that is safe for them and future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York supports passage of House Joint Resolution 434 and Senate Joint Resolution 163 calling for a mutual and verifiable freeze and reduction in nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Council forward copies of this resolution to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to each member of the Congress of the United States from the City of New York.

Adopted.