

HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO ENSURE THAT HAWAII AND GUAM ARE SAFE FROM NORTH KOREAN MISSILES

WHEREAS, North Korea has accelerated its nuclear weapons program in the face of economic sanctions and forceful rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, North Korea is only one step away from completing the development of a nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile and only needs to construct a missile that can withstand stable atmospheric reentry; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has a nuclear weapons and ballistic missile development program that continues to outpace intelligence analyst expectations; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has tested 18 missiles in 2017 alone, five nuclear bombs since 2006, and can already build a nuclear warhead small enough to be carried by a ballistic missile; and

WHEREAS, North Korea continues to aggressively test ballistic missiles, including a test of three short-range missiles on Friday, August 25, 2017 and an unidentified missile that passed over the Tohoku region of northern Japan on Monday, August 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, North Korea may have full nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile capabilities by January 2018, outpacing United States anti-missile technology; and

WHEREAS, North Korea's newest ballistic missile has a projected range encompassing Guam, the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, and parts of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor on Oahu and Guam are publicized targets of the North Korean regime; and

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WHEREAS, according to the United States military, Hawaii and Guam do not have sufficient missile defenses in the Pacific Rim and the current technology may not be effective against multiple, fast-moving intercontinental ballistic missiles; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii and Guam's civilian communities do not have adequate resources and disaster preparedness plans to cope with the aftermath of an attack, and there are only three fallout shelters on Oahu capable of holding just 235 people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Special Session of 2017, that this body requests the United States Department of Defense to assure the safety of Hawaii and Guam by neutralizing North Korea's nuclear weaponry and preparing the civilian communities of Hawaii and Guam for a potential attack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Defense, the Adjutant General of the Hawaii Department of Defense, the United States Air Force, the United States Navy, the United States Army, and the President of the United States.

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