HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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WHEREAS, one of the greatest continuing challenges facing mankind is to prevent the outbreak of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing concern worldwide over the risk of nuclear war: and

WHEREAS, on the initiative of the United States, two important sets of negotiations on strategic and intermediate-range nuclear weapons are well underway in Geneva between the United States and the Soviet Union, and these negotiations have the full support of the nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

WHEREAS, in these negotiations the United States has

advanced serious and detailed proposals for major reductions

in strategic and intermediate-range nuclear arms, focusing

on the most destabilizing weapons of both powers; and

4 MHEREAS, United States negotiators at these meetings
5 have reported that the negotiations are moving in the
6 direction of substantial reductions and that the Soviet
7 delegations are negotiating seriously on these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Legislature strongly:

- (1) supports these ongoing negotiations directed toward substantial reductions in the nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union, the success of which would materially reduce the danger of nuclear war;
- (2) urges both negotiating powers to work toward the achievement of equitable and verifiable agreements that freeze strategic nuclear forces at equal and substantially reduced levels, thereby further reducing the possibility of nuclear war;
- (3) urges both powers to negotiate effective verification of the terms of the agreements achieved;
- (4) urges both powers to negotiate, to the maximum extent feasible, confidence-building measures such as those proposed by the United States that are likely to reduce the

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risk of nuclear war by reason of error or misunderstanding;and

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(5) urges both powers to concentrate special attention on reducing those weapons that, because of their destructiveness and speed, are judged to be especially destabilizing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature calls on all Montanans and all peace-loving peoples worldwide to unite in supporting the objectives of the ongoing negotiations in Geneva and refrain from actions that could denigrate them or impair their success, recognizing that their success will move the world closer to the kind of lasting peace which all of us devoutly seek.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to Montana's United States Senators and Representatives, to the President of the United States, and to Yuri V. Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee and President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

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