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Commending President Bush on conclusion of the START II Treaty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DOLE, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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II Treaty.

Whereas on January 3, 1993, President George Bush and President Boris Yeltsin signed the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II);

Whereas, as a result of the implementation of the START I and START II treaties, the immediate threat of nuclear war will be reduced by creating a more stable mix of nuclear weapons between the world's two foremost nuclear powers;

Whereas the START treaties will eliminate heavy ICBMs and multiple-warhead ICBMs, weapons which have long been the most destabilizing weapons associated with the East-West arms race;

Whereas the threat of a first strike in the event of renewed hostilities with the former Soviet Union would be greatly reduced;

Whereas nuclear weapons remain a central element of United States force structure and an essential element of its national security;

Whereas the START II Treaty allows the United States to maintain its nuclear triad with a more stable mix of weapons while maintaining United States security in the event of political instability in Russia; and

Whereas the START II Treaty continues the stringent verification regime of the first START agreement, thereby reducing the risk of conscious Russian noncompliance: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends George Bush on the successful
3 conclusion of the START II Treaty;

4 (2) having received the START II Treaty from
5 the President, intends to take up the Treaty at the
6 earliest possible moment in pursuit of its Constitu-
7 tional duty to advise and consent to the ratification
8 of treaties;

9 (3) calls on President Clinton to encourage rati-
10 fication of START II by the Russian Parliament;

11 (4) calls on President Clinton to encourage the
12 ratification of START I by the parliaments of
13 Belarus and Ukraine; and

1 (5) calls on President Clinton to support appro-
2 priate forms and levels of assistance to the republics
3 of the former Soviet Union as a means to secure the
4 timely implementation of the START I and START
5 II treaties.

