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# H. RES. 439

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UNDERWOOD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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# RESOLUTION

Concerning India's recent detonation of 5 nuclear devices.

Whereas the Hindu Nationalist (BJP) Government led by  
Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is just 7 weeks old;

Whereas India announced, and it was confirmed by seismic  
detection devices, that India detonated 3 nuclear devices  
on Monday May 11, 1998, at the Pokaran test site in  
North Western India and detonated 2 devices on Wednes-  
day, May 13, 1998, in the Thar desert in North Western  
India;

Whereas India claims that 1 of the devices was a thermo-  
nuclear device, otherwise known as a hydrogen bomb;

Whereas this is the second time India has performed nuclear  
testing;

Whereas the first ever test conducted in India occurred on  
May 15, 1974;

Whereas India claims that this recent test was much more powerful than its first 2 decades ago;

Whereas the Government of India has not renounced any further testing of nuclear devices, despite world-wide condemnation of her actions;

Whereas the provocative nature of this test may create a regional arms race between India and Pakistan;

Whereas nuclear testing is not conducive to the establishment of peace and stability in South Asia;

Whereas nuclear tests are in direct defiance of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty endorsed in 1996 by no less than 149 nations;

Whereas, despite the fact that India is not a signatory of the treaty, India's tests run counter to an international effort to promulgate a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons testing;

Whereas, ironically, India's founding Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru first proposed the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty;

Whereas the recent nuclear tests make India's development of missile technology all the more ominous; and

Whereas missile systems such as India's Agni and Prithvi have ranges in excess of 1,400 miles, capable of reaching 15 nations: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) despite the long history of friendship be-  
3       tween the United States and India, is deeply trou-  
4       bled by India's recent reckless behavior and its un-

1 willingness to sign on to the Comprehensive Test  
2 Ban Treaty and the Non-Proliferation Treaty;

3 (2) strongly urges Pakistan to exercise restraint  
4 and resist the temptation to prepare for nuclear  
5 weapons testing of its own for the sake of greater  
6 peace and stability in South Asia; and

7 (3) supports the economic sanctions imposed on  
8 India by the President under the authority of the  
9 Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994.

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