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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*

2 *concurring),*

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

4 (1) Iran is aggressively pursuing a program to

5 acquire and/or develop nuclear weapons;

1 (2) the Director of Central Intelligence, in Sep-
2 tember of 1994, confirmed that Iran is manufactur-
3 ing and stockpiling chemical weapons;

4 (3) Iran has opposed the Middle East peace
5 process and continues to support the terrorist group
6 Hezbollah in Lebanon and radical Palestinian
7 groups;

8 (4) Iran has asserted control over the Persian
9 Gulf island of Abu Musa, which it had been pre-
10 viously sharing with the United Arab Emirates;

11 (5) during the last few years Iran has report-
12 edly acquired several hundred improved Scud mis-
13 siles from North Korea;

14 (6) Iran has moved modern air defense missile
15 systems, tanks, additional troops, artillery, and sur-
16 face-to-surface missiles onto islands in the Persian
17 Gulf, some of which are disputed between Iran and
18 the United Arab Emirates;

19 (7) Iran has already taken delivery of as many
20 as thirty modern Mig-29 fighter aircraft from the
21 Russian Federation;

22 (8) The Russian Federation has sold modern
23 conventionally powered submarines to Iran, which
24 increases Iran's capability to blockade the Straits of
25 Hormuz and the Persian Gulf; and

1 (9) the Russian Federation continues to move
2 forward on implementing a commercial agreement to
3 provide Iran with critical nuclear technology despite
4 having been provided with detailed information by
5 the President of the United States on Iran's nuclear
6 weapons program in violation of the Nuclear Non-
7 Proliferation Treaty.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) the Russian Federation should be strongly
11 condemned for continuing to implement a commer-
12 cial agreement to provide Iran with nuclear tech-
13 nology that could assist that country in its develop-
14 ment of nuclear weapons, and

15 (2) the continued implementation of its com-
16 mercial nuclear agreement with Iran makes the Rus-
17 sian Federation ineligible for United States eco-
18 nomic assistance under the terms of the Freedom
19 Support Act.

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