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H. RES. 1510

Considering the Russian military deployments in the Western Hemisphere as reckless, provocative, and in violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER (for himself and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Considering the Russian military deployments in the Western Hemisphere as reckless, provocative, and in violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

Whereas on September 10, 2008, the Russian Federation landed two Tu-160 strategic bombers in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

Whereas on September 23, 2008, Russia deployed a Kirov battle group, containing the Kirov class battlecruiser, PETER THE GREAT, the Udaloy II class destroyer, ADMIRAL CHABANENKO, and support vessels from the Russian Navy's Northern Fleet to Venezuela to par-

participate in joint naval maneuvers with the Venezuelan navy;

Whereas the aforementioned foreign military deployments are the first of their kind in the Western Hemisphere since the end of the Cold War;

Whereas on September 25, 2008, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin announced Russia is ready to assist Venezuela in developing a nuclear energy program;

Whereas on December 23, 1823, in light of potential Russian interference in the soon to be established Oregon Territory and European designs for the Western Hemisphere, President James Monroe articulated what would later become known as the Monroe Doctrine, “We should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere, as dangerous to our peace and safety.”; and

Whereas the Monroe Doctrine remains a cornerstone of United States foreign policy in the Western Hemisphere: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) considers the Russian military deployments
3 in the Western Hemisphere as reckless, provocative,
4 and in violation of the Monroe Doctrine;

5 (2) calls upon President George W. Bush to fol-
6 low the well established tradition of Presidents Abra-
7 ham Lincoln, Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt,
8 John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan and strongly
9 enforce the Monroe Doctrine;

1 (3) regards Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez's
2 attainment of a nuclear energy program or nuclear
3 weapons as a grave danger to peace and United
4 States national interests; and

5 (4) applauds and recognizes the necessity of the
6 July 12, 2008, re-establishment of the United States
7 Fourth Fleet.

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