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WE ARE CONTACTING YOU TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT OF BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR A MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE FREEZE ON NUCLEAR ARMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM CURRENT LEVELS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON LIMITING DESTABILIZING WEAPONS.

WE SHALL INTRODUCE OUR RESOLUTION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, AND WE WELCOME YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT AND PUBLICITY OF THIS RESOLUTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY. SENATOR PAUL TSONGAS AND CONGRESSMAN SILVIO CONTE AND ALSO PRIMARY COSPONSORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MATTHEW MURRAY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE AT (202)224-7535 OR HOWARD HOMONOFF OF CONGRESSMAN MARKEY'S OFFICE AT (202) 225-2836.

FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF OUR RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FACING THE EARTH IS TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF NUCLEAR WAR BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN;

WHEREAS THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IS DANGEROUSLY INCREASING THE RISK OF A HOLOCAUST THAT WOULD BE HUMANITY'S FINAL WAR; AND

WHEREAS A FREEZE FOLLOWED BY REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WARHEADS, MISSILES AND OTHER DELIVERY SYSTEMS IS NEEDED TO HALT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND TO REDUCE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CONGRESS ASSEMBLED,

1. AS AN IMMEDIATE STRATEGIC ARMS CONTROL OBJECTIVE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD:

(A) PURSUE A COMPLETE HALT TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE;

(B) DECIDE WHEN AND HOW TO ACHIEVE A MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE FREEZE ON THE TESTING, PRODUCTION, AND FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, MISSILES, AND OTHER DELIVERY SYSTEMS; AND

(C) GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DESTABILIZING WEAPONS WHOSE DEPLOYMENT WOULD MAKE SUCH A FREEZE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE.

2. PROCEEDING FROM THIS FREEZE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION SHOULD PURSUE MAJOR, MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WARHEADS, MISSILES AND OTHER DELIVERY SYSTEMS, THROUGH ANNUAL PERCENTAGES OR EQUALLY EFFECTIVE MEANS, IN A MANNER THAT ENHANCES STABILITY.

SENATOR TED KENNEDY

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Comm. from Congressman Edward Markey requesting Council support of a resolution regarding the reduction of nuclear arms, to be introduced on Wednesday, March 10, 1982.

In City Council,

March 8, 1982

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