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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1982

Mr. MAVROULES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the executive branch should conform to the recommendations of the Global 2000 study.

Whereas the United States exists in an increasingly interdependent world, both politically and economically;

Whereas the world, particularly developing nations (which account for 35 per centum of this Nation's exports), will experience rapid changes in population, resources, and the environment during the next two decades that will affect the economic and political viability of all nations;

Whereas it is essential to our own foreign and economic policy to anticipate and analyze projected world changes in population, resources, and the environment;

Whereas Global 2000 is the first official, coordinated undertaking by this Government to prepare long-range projections of these changes;

Whereas a major finding of the Global 2000 study is that the Federal Government now lacks the coordinated capacity to prepare such projections and analyze their implications for United States policy; and

Whereas individual Federal departments and agencies currently prepare global projections that often conflict, resulting in wasteful duplication as well as potentially misguided policy decisions: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the*
- 3 *executive branch should begin to systematically coordinate*
- 4 *and improve its projections of world population, resource, and*
- 5 *environmental trends, and their analysis, as outlined in the*
- 6 *Global 2000 study.*

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March 15, 1982

Mr. Paul E. Healy
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Knowing that you share my strong interest in the environment, and related issues, I thought you would be interested in a resolution I've filed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is in regard to the Global 2000 study which was commissioned by the federal government in 1977 and published in 1980. The report forecasts vital facts concerning international resource, environmental and population trends over the next two decades. In addition, it stresses our own federal government's current inability to accurately predict and respond to those trends.

Clearly, the day is past when we could plan for the future without an awareness of the world around us. Through foreign trade alone we are inextricably linked to the developing nations of the world - nations which are especially vulnerable to those trends examined in Global 2000. That is why our current inability to predict and analyze approaching global conditions is so disturbing. Even more alarming is the fact that since the publication of Global 2000, the report has largely been ignored.

This is not a partisan issue. Nor is it a liberal-conservative issue. The question is simple, "Shouldn't this nation be fully prepared to meet the challenges of a difficult future?"

My resolution calls upon the Reagan Administration to systematically coordinate and improve its projections and analysis of world population, resource and environmental trends, as outlined in Global 2000. Failure to do so might well result in economic, political and environmental disasters on a scale difficult to imagine in the years ahead.

I have enclosed a copy of my resolution for your review. Please don't hesitate to share your views on this issue, or on any other matter of interest to you.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Mavroules
Member of Congress

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk,
transmitting comm. from Rep. Nicholas Mav-
roules Re: a resolution filed in the
House of Representatives in connection
with the Global 2000 Study by the federal
government.

In City Council,

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