

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE
SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was signed
in 1972 with a nation that no longer exists; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of nations, including
China, North Korea, Iran and Iraq, either currently possess
or are developing the capability to launch missile attacks
against the United States or its allies; and

WHEREAS, due in part to advances in technology, the
possibility that a missile bearing a weapon of mass
destruction could be used against United States forces or
interests is higher today than it was during most of the cold
war; and

WHEREAS, terrorist groups, not just states, have the
means to buy ballistic missiles; and

WHEREAS, while systems are in place to thwart
terrorism, the nation still has no defense against missile
attack; and

WHEREAS, the cold war policy of mutually assured
destruction embodied in arms control treaties is not
sufficient to deter terrorist missile attacks; and

WHEREAS, defending against a missile attack is the

government's moral obligation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation be asked to support implementation of a national missile defense system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.