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H. RES. 1349

Commending the Government of the Czech Republic for formally agreeing to station on its territory a United States radar system for the purpose of tracking the trajectories of any ballistic missiles within its range that would threaten the collective security of the United States, the Czech Republic, and their North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2008

Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. EVERETT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commending the Government of the Czech Republic for formally agreeing to station on its territory a United States radar system for the purpose of tracking the trajectories of any ballistic missiles within its range that would threaten the collective security of the United States, the Czech Republic, and their North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies.

Whereas the heads of state and governments of the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) agreed at the April 3, 2008, meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Bucharest, Romania, that “bal-

listic missile proliferation poses an increasing threat to Allies' forces, territory and populations”;

Whereas as part of a broad response to counter the ballistic missile threat, the heads of state and governments of NATO member countries “recognize the substantial contribution to the protection of Allies from long-range ballistic missiles to be provided by the planned deployment of European-based United States missile defense assets”;

and

Whereas the Government of the United States and the Government of the Czech Republic have reached a formal agreement on the stationing of a United States radar system in the Czech Republic with the understanding that such a radar system could track the trajectories of any ballistic missiles within its range and thus could play a key part of any future NATO-wide missile defense architecture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that—

3 (1) the Government of the Czech Republic is to
4 be commended for formally agreeing to station on its
5 territory a United States radar system for the pur-
6 pose of tracking the trajectories of any ballistic mis-
7 siles within its range that would threaten the collec-
8 tive security of the United States, the Czech Repub-
9 lic, and their North Atlantic Treaty Organization
10 (NATO) allies;

11 (2) this agreement will deepen the bilateral
12 strategic relationship between the Governments of

1 the United States and the Czech Republic and could
2 make a substantial contribution to NATO's collec-
3 tive capability to counter existing and future ballistic
4 missile threats;

5 (3) this agreement is part of an expanding stra-
6 tegic dialogue between the United States and the
7 Czech Republic to address a broad range of issues,
8 including cooperation on mutual defense, counter-
9 terrorism, prevention of the proliferation of weapons
10 of mass destruction, energy security, and democracy
11 promotion; and

12 (4) ratification of the agreement by the Par-
13 liament of the Czech Republic would be a welcome
14 step in the process of strengthening relations with
15 the United States and supporting the security objec-
16 tives of the NATO alliance.

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