

Senate Resolution 493

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st and Starr of the 44th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to implement a national missile defense system; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the 1972 Anti Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty was signed with a nation that no
3 longer exists; and

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

7 WHEREAS, due in part to advances in technology, the possibility that a missile bearing a
8 weapon of mass destruction will be used against US forces or interests is higher today than
9 it was during most of the Cold War; and

10 WHEREAS, terrorist groups, not just states, have the means to buy ballistic missiles; and
11 while systems are in place to thwart terrorism, the nation has no defense against missile
12 attack; and

13 WHEREAS, the Cold War policy of "mutual assured destruction" embodied in arms control
14 treaties is not sufficient to deter terrorist missile attacks; and

15 WHEREAS, defending against a missile attack is the government's moral obligation.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body urges the
17 United States Congress to support the implementation of a national missile defense system.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
19 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate,
20 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Georgia
21 congressional delegation.