

House Resolution 1651

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to oppose implementation of a national missile defense system and to
2 redirect funds towards real security needs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 1972 Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty has played a crucial trust-building role
4 during and after the cold war and U.S. withdrawal from the treaty has stressed our
5 relationship with Russia and China; and

6 WHEREAS, implementing a national missile defense system encourages countries such as
7 China, Russia, North Korea, Pakistan, and India to test and maintain and enhance their
8 nuclear weapons programs; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Strategic Budgetary Assessment, missile defense
10 programs have already cost the United States \$148 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Budget Office, a national missile defense
12 system will cost at least \$238 billion over the next 15-25 years; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States national intelligence community recently reported terrorist
14 groups are more likely to attack the United States using a suitcase bomb, airplane, or truck
15 bomb than with a ballistic missile, and that programs that deal with these scenarios are still
16 underfunded; and

17 WHEREAS, the cost of national missile defense robs domestic programs of much-needed
18 support and the funds spent on the program between 2001 and 2005 alone would be enough
19 to hire 452,830 new teachers or provide Head-Start to 10,721,944 children; and

20 WHEREAS, providing real security, such as health care, education, and a clean environment,
21 is the utmost responsibility for the federal government and those needs are not being met
22 adequately.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body urges the United States Congress to oppose implementation of a national missile
3 defense system and redirect those funds towards programs that promote real security.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the President of the United
6 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members
7 of the State Congressional Delegation.