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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103

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A Concurrent Resolution urging the government of France to discontinue nuclear weapons testing.

WHEREAS, since 1992, the United States and Britain have observed a ban on nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is on record supporting an international treaty banning nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has not tested a nuclear weapon since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the independent governments of Ukraine, Belarus, and Kazakhstan, with monetary American aid, are actively seeking to demobilize their nuclear weapons left over from the Soviet era; and

WHEREAS, the French testing of nuclear weapons has resulted in significant international opposition; and

WHEREAS, public opinion polling shows that 60 percent of the French people oppose nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, the French are risking long-term environmental damage in the South Pacific through nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, New Zealand claims that future nuclear weapons testing could cause a substantial escape of radioactive materials due to damaged geological formations under the Mururoa Atoll caused by previous nuclear weapons testing; and

WHEREAS, France, by continuing its nuclear weapons testing, is endangering global efforts to curb nuclear

1 proliferation; NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
3 SENATE CONCURRING, That the President of the United  
4 States is urged to continue expressing this country's  
5 displeasure with France for its nuclear weapons  
6 testing; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the citizens of Iowa  
8 are encouraged to protest continued nuclear weapons  
9 testing by France by joining the international boycott  
10 of French products, particularly wine and cheese; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the  
12 House of Representatives send a copy of this  
13 resolution to the French Ambassador to the United  
14 States and to the President of France, Jacques Chirac.

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