

House Concurrent Resolution No. 95

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURNETT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

2 **WHEREAS**, the United States currently has over 6,000 nuclear weapons, all of which
3 are more destructive than those dropped during World War II; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the United States will spend \$1.7 trillion on nuclear weapons systems over
5 the next thirty years; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, those taxpayer dollars could be used to fund job creation, health care, and
8 education programs; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Missouri taxpayers are paying \$322.51 million for nuclear weapons and
11 associated costs; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the National Priorities Project estimates that amount of Missouri's tax
14 revenue could:

15 (1) Create 1,088 clean energy jobs;

16 (2) Provide United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for 8,484 military
17 veterans;

18 (3) Award 2,465 four-year university scholarships;

19 (4) Send 8,926 children to Head Start for one year; and

20 (5) Still have \$52,601 remaining; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the sole purpose of nuclear weapons is to deter other actors from launching
23 a nuclear attack first, and there is no reason to launch a preemptive nuclear attack against another
24 country; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, a deterrent effect can be achieved with only a small number of nuclear
27 weapons; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has the sole discretion and authority to
30 launch nuclear weapons without a system to check and balance the decision, and this increases
31 the possibility of an unwarranted nuclear launch; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the United States currently has the right to launch a nuclear attack on
34 Russia, China, or North Korea in response to a nonnuclear attack, which action could escalate
35 into full nuclear war; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, a blast radius projection by Assistant Professor Alex Wellerstein of the
38 Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey projects that the largest nuclear bomb ever tested
39 would result in:

40 (1) 13,020 fatalities and 167,550 injuries if targeted to Columbia;

41 (2) 21,310 fatalities and 102,600 injuries if targeted to Kansas City; and

42 (3) 883,980 fatalities and 779,280 injuries if targeted to Saint Louis; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of Missouri and Americans as a whole deserve the right to live
45 a life free of threat from nuclear weapons:

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47 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
48 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
49 concurring therein, hereby urge United States Congress to establish a system of checks and

50 balances for launching a nonretaliatory nuclear strike so that the President of the United States
51 will not have the sole discretion to launch preemptive nuclear attacks; and

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
54 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri
55 congressional delegation.

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