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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. HAWLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on January 28, 2023, the Chinese Communist Party flew a balloon aircraft into United States airspace in Alaska to conduct surveillance;

Whereas, on January 31, 2023, the Chinese surveillance balloon reentered United States airspace over Idaho;

Whereas, on February 1, 2023, the Chinese surveillance balloon was seen over Montana;

Whereas, on February 2, 2023, the Department of Defense confirmed its detection and tracking of the Chinese “high-altitude surveillance balloon”;

Whereas, on February 3, 2023, the Chinese surveillance balloon was seen over Missouri; and

Whereas, at 2:39 p.m. on February 4, 2023, the United States military shot down the Chinese surveillance balloon using a single AIM-9X air-to-air missile fired from a F-22 Raptor off the coast of Surfside Beach, South Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2            (1) condemns the Chinese Communist Party’s  
3        invasion of United States airspace to conduct sur-  
4        veillance;

5            (2) affirms that it is the policy of the United  
6        States to protect the sovereignty and integrity of  
7        United States airspace from foreign and hostile state  
8        actors, especially the People’s Republic of China;  
9        and

10          (3) calls on the President to be transparent  
11        with the American people and Congress regarding  
12        this latest spying incident and all other attempts by  
13        the Chinese Communist Party to conduct surveil-  
14        lance on United States citizens, territory, and assets.

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