A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MISSISSIPPI CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION WORK TO DEPLOY A NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

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

WHEREAS, an increasing number of nations, including North
Korea, either currently possess the capability to launch missile
attacks against the United States or are working to obtain that
capability; and

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

WHEREAS, terrorist groups, not just states, may have the
means to buy intercontinental ballistic missiles; and

WHEREAS, the nation still has no defense against missile
attacks; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI, That we hereby request our elected Representatives
and Senators in the United States Congress to support and vote for
all efforts to build and deploy a national missile defense system
as rapidly as possible.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the members of the Mississippi congressional delegation.