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Urging the Committee on Foreign Affairs to conduct a hearing to determine the foreign policy implications of the proposed joint United States-Russian space station.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROEMER (for himself, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. HUGHES, and Mrs. ROUKEMA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Science, Space, and Technology

RESOLUTION

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Whereas volatility has plagued the former Soviet Union as signaled by the two coup attempts in the past two years and the closing down of newspapers and political parties;

Whereas the election to the Russian parliament of ultra-nationalists who promote the reversal of democratic reforms in Russia has cast doubt on the establishment of political stability and economic reform in the foreseeable future;

Whereas the unprecedented pardon by the Russian Duma of the participants in both coup attempts could lead to further instability;

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Whereas the recent discovery of a double agent for the Government of Russia who was discovered in a sensitive post at the Central Intelligence Agency has created a new level of tension between this country and the Government of Russia;

Whereas the proposed United States-Russian space station would involve at least \$400,000,000 (and in all probability significantly more) in United States taxpayers' money being given to the Russians;

Whereas payments to Russia for the proposed joint venture are contingent upon Russia's adherence to the Missile Technology Control Regime;

Whereas delivery of Russian hardware and Russian launch capability for the proposed space station are contingent upon the use of the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Russia's launch facility which is located in the country of Kazakhstan, a facility in disrepair located in a country suffering turmoil and hardships of its own, which could mean that even more United States dollars would be required in order to address infrastructure problems; and

Whereas the International Monetary Fund and other international financial institutions have not had much success in delivering assistance to Russia based upon a paucity of economic reforms: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs—

2 (1) should conduct a hearing to determine the
3 foreign policy implications of the proposed joint
4 United States-Russian space station; and

5 (2) based on that hearing, should make appropriate
6 recommendations to the Committee on

- 1 Science, Space, and Technology with respect to that
- 2 proposed joint space station.

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