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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 15-002**

101     **MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REGARDING THE**  
102             **PENDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PERMITTING THE NATION**  
103             **OF IRAN TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR**  
104             **WEAPONS CAPABILITY.**

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1             WHEREAS, The present government of Iran has vowed publicly  
2             and repeatedly to "wipe Israel from the face of the earth" and has publicly  
3             and consistently pledged to bring "death to the Great Satan", the United  
4             States of America; and

5             WHEREAS, The leaders of Iran have for 36 years refused to  
6             apologize for the taking and holding of 52 American citizen hostages for  
7             444 days after the 1979 violent occupation of the American embassy in  
8             Tehran; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           WHEREAS, The present government of Iran under its present  
2 constitution is a theocratic dictatorship officially and formally dedicated  
3 to a permanent war against Western democratic institutions and values;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Since 1984, Iran has been among the nations listed  
6 by the United States Department of State as a State Sponsor of Terrorism;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Since 2013 and the inception of negotiations with  
9 Iran over its plans for developing nuclear weapons, the United States  
10 government has promised the American people that the negotiations with  
11 Iran has as its primary goal the prevention of Iran from continuing to  
12 develop its capacity for producing nuclear weapons; and

13           WHEREAS, The terms of the "Framework" agreement announced  
14 by the White House on April 2 do not prohibit Iran from continuing its  
15 efforts to develop its nuclear weapons capability; and

16           WHEREAS, The government of Iran through its Supreme Leader,  
17 Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has openly rejected the United States  
18 government's interpretation of the "Framework" and explicitly renounced  
19 any condition which restricts Iran's right or capacity for the eventual  
20 production of nuclear weapons; and

21           WHEREAS, On April 13, 2015, ten days after the "Framework"  
22 was announced, Russia announced that it will start selling missiles to  
23 Iran, thereby abandoning its prior agreement with the United States to  
24 suspend such sales until Iran agrees to halt its nuclear weapons program;  
25 and

26           WHEREAS, The Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu,  
27 has stated that the proposed "Framework" poses a clear and present  
28 danger to Israel's survival by allowing and accepting Iran's development  
29 of a nuclear weapons capability; and

30           WHEREAS, Members of both major political parties in congress  
31 have voiced serious concerns over the proposed Iran nuclear agreement  
32 and have asked for the agreement to be submitted to the United States  
33 Senate for consideration and ratification; and

34           WHEREAS, It is unacceptable to the people of Colorado that the

1 government of the United States enter into any agreement that permits the  
2 possession of nuclear weapons by any nation that openly supports and  
3 clandestinely finances terrorist organizations that conduct violent acts  
4 against the people of the United States, the people of Israel, and other  
5 peoples and nations; and

6 WHEREAS, Under article II, section 2 of the United States  
7 Constitution, the two representatives of Colorado in the United States  
8 Senate have an indispensable role in the consideration and ratification of  
9 international agreements negotiated by the President of the United States;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Each of the seven representatives of Colorado in the  
12 United States House of Representatives has a vote and a voice in the  
13 decision to lift or continue the economic sanctions now in place against  
14 Iran; and

15 WHEREAS, The citizens of Colorado and their children,  
16 grandchildren, and future generations have a vital, existential stake in  
17 preventing terrorist organizations and rogue nations that support terrorism  
18 from obtaining nuclear weapons; now, therefore,

19 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*  
20 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

21 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby  
22 petition and request that the nine members of the Colorado congressional  
23 delegation take all responsible and appropriate steps to oppose the  
24 ratification, approval, or implementation of any international agreement  
25 with Iran which does not unambiguously prohibit that nation from  
26 developing, producing, or possessing nuclear weapons.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Senate Joint Memorial  
28 be sent to each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.