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Res. No. 1123

Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 2005 and Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 2005, and calling upon Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg to sign a Mayoral Statement supporting the commencement of negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons, and further calling upon the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to support the immediate commencement of such negotiations.

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Whereas, August 6 and August 9, 2005, commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan during World War II; and

Whereas, The bombings destroyed the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and according to some estimates, had killed or injured approximately 200,000 people, with thousands more eventually dying due to radiation-linked ailments; and

Whereas, The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki marked the first time that nuclear weapons were used in combat, and ushered in the nuclear age that led to the cold war; and

Whereas, The world is currently threatened by the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the outbreak of nuclear war as more nations seek ways to develop their nuclear technology; and

Whereas, Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which has been signed by 189 nations including the United States, mandates that “each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to [the] cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament;” and

Whereas, The United States has refused to honor its agreement under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and is, on the contrary, working to develop new, more usable nuclear weapons that can be used as

conventional weapons on the battlefield; and

Whereas, The Mayors for Peace Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons, led by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, has launched an international campaign which calls for negotiations to eliminate nuclear weapons to begin immediately and conclude by 2010, with the goal of having global nuclear disarmament fully implemented by 2020; and

Whereas, Abolition Now has initiated a global campaign centered on encouraging Mayors from around the world to endorse the plans put forth by The Mayors for Peace Emergency Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons; and

Whereas, On June 28, 2004, The United States Conference of Mayors passed a Resolution supporting the commencement of negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons and has urged members to sign a Mayoral Statement in support of such negotiations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York commemorates the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 2005 and Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 2005; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg to sign a Mayoral Statement supporting the commencement of negotiations on the elimination of nuclear weapons; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to support the immediate commencement of such negotiations.

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