

House Resolution 1538

By: Representatives Carter of the 92nd, Bennett of the 94th, Gonzalez of the 117th, Schofield of the 60th, Stovall of the 74th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Congress to establish a system of checks and balances with
2 regard to the first use of nuclear weapons; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the President of the United States currently has the sole authority to launch a
4 nuclear attack without any required consultation or any system of checks and balances; and

5 WHEREAS, the first use of nuclear weapons against any other nuclear armed nation would
6 result in retaliation and invite the near total destruction of Metro Atlanta; and

7 WHEREAS, a single nuclear detonation in Metro Atlanta would cause more than 1,200,530
8 fatalities and 1,409,010 injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia have the right to live a life free from the threat of the
10 reckless use of nuclear weapons; and

11 WHEREAS, use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have
12 catastrophic humanitarian, environmental, and economic consequences that would impact
13 every individual on the planet and disrupt the international order.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body encourage the United States Congress to take all necessary steps
16 to establish a system of checks and balances with regard to the first use of nuclear weapons
17 and to ensure that the President shall no longer have the sole and unchecked authority to
18 launch nuclear weapons, except in circumstance of retaliation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 public and the press.