Mr. Speaker, I rise in

strong support of H. Con. Res. 145, as

amended, and I yield myself such time

as I may consume.

I would like to thank the sponsor of

this legislation, the chairman of the

Foreign Affairs Committee, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN,

for her leadership on this

issue and for her work in addressing

the North Korean threat.

Earlier this month, North Korea carried

out a missile launch using ballistic

missile technology in direct defiance

of the international community.

This important resolution condemns

North Korea’s launch, and it calls on

the North to live up to its commitments,

to adhere to its international

obligations and to deal peacefully with

its neighbors.

North Korea’s missile launch is a blatant

violation of U.N. Security Council

resolutions 1718 and 1874, and we urge

the Security Council to take strong

and concerted action to demonstrate

that Pyongyang’s actions are completely

unacceptable. In particular, we

call on China and Russia to work constructively

with other members of the

Council to show that the international

community is united in condemning

North Korea’s provocative behavior.

North Korea is only further isolating

itself with its irresponsible action, and

the development of ballistic missiles

and nuclear weapons will never bring

the real security and acceptance by the

international community that the regime

so desperately wants. Instead of

pouring hundreds of millions of dollars

into its so-called space program, nuclear

programs, and massive military,

North Korea should instead work to

feed its own citizens and improve its

dismal economy.

We must continue to remain vigilant

in the face of North Korean provocations

and fully committed to the security

of our allies in the region, so I

urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I have no

further requests for time, and I yield

back the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I object

to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the

point of order that a quorum is not

present.