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STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
RESOLUTION ON DECEPTIVE SOVIET EMIGRATION REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

I AM PLEASED TO JOIN WITH THE MAJORITY LEADER IN INTRODUCING THIS RESOLUTION, EXPOSING THE SOVIET UNION'S DECEPTIVE, NEW EMIGRATION REGULATIONS AND DEMANDING SOVIET OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF EMIGRATION. I HOPE THAT ALL SENATORS WILL TAKE THE OCCASION IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO ADD THEIR NAMES AS COSPONSORS.

AT THE SAME TIME, I AM DEEPLY SADDENED THAT IT IS NECESSARY -- YET AGAIN -- TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN THE SENATE. EACH YEAR, INTERNATIONAL OUTRAGE, AND THE OUTRAGE OF THE SENATE, GROW STRONGER, OVER THE KREMLIN'S TRAMPLING OF THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS. EACH YEAR, INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, AND THE CONCERN OF THE SENATE, GROW DEEPER, OVER THE PLIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS DENIED THE BASIC RIGHT TO EMIGRATE -- A RIGHT THE SOVIETS ARE PLEDGED, AND OBLIGATED, TO OBSERVE. AND EACH YEAR, INTERNATIONAL DEMANDS, AND THE DEMANDS OF THE SENATE, GROW LOUDER, FOR THE SOVIETS TO FINALLY DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WHAT IS HUMANE.

STANDING WITH FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

BY THIS RESOLUTION, WE STAND ONCE AGAIN WITH FREE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, TO DEMAND OF THE KREMLIN: LET THESE PEOPLE GO. LET THEM JOIN THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. LET THEM RETURN TO THEIR RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL HOMELAND, OR OTHER CHOSEN LANDS. LET THEM FIND THEIR FREEDOM.

AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE SOVIET ANSWER SO FAR? IN 1986, WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS SEEKING TO LEAVE, LESS THAN 1,000 WERE PERMITTED TO DO SO. MANY OTHERS CONTINUED TO SUFFER PUNISHMENT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, EVEN FOR ASKING.

AND, NOW, ON TOP OF THAT, THE SOVIETS PROMULGATE NEW EMIGRATION REGULATIONS, WHICH WILL TIGHTEN THE CLAMPS EVEN MORE. AND THEN ADD INSULT TO INJURY BY TRUMPETING THESE REGULATIONS AS REFORM AND LIBERALIZATION.

ENOUGH OF SOVIET DUPLICITY

ENOUGH OF THIS KIND OF DUPLICITY. LET'S CALL THIS SOVIET MANEUVER JUST WHAT IT IS -- A BARBARIC DECEPTION. WE'RE NOT FOOLED BY IT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO STAND FOR IT.

AND LET US FURTHER MAKE CLEAR TO THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CARRY ON TRULY NORMAL RELATIONS, UNTIL THE SOVIETS DEMONSTRATE -- IN DEED AS WELL AS WORD -- THEIR INTENTION TO OBSERVE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS. UNTIL THAT TIME, THEIR DEPLORABLE RECORD WILL CONTINUE TO POISON THE AIR AND UNDERMINE THE PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON THE MANY ISSUES WHICH DIVIDE OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

ANSWER TO SHCHARANSKY'S CALL

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD RECALL FOR THE SENATE THE APPEARANCE IN WASHINGTON SEVERAL WEEKS AGO OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, WHO WAS HERE TO HELP US OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. HIS MESSAGE ON THAT OCCASION WAS SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND ELOQUENT: WE CAN'T STOP PUSHING UNTIL THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE -- ALL THE SOVIET PEOPLE -- ARE FULLY RESTORED. WE CAN'T STOP PUSHING UNTIL EVERY SOVIET CITIZEN WHO WANTS TO IS PERMITTED TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHT OF EMIGRATION.

LET US DEMONSTRATE OUR DETERMINATION TO KEEP PUSHING BY PASSING THIS RESOLUTION, WITH 100 COSPONSORS.

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