

Rep. Rothman Condemns North Korea's Unprovoked Military Attack Against South Korea

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Washington, DC – On December 1, 2010, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Resolution (H.Res. 1735), by a vote of 403-2, condemning North Korea in the strongest terms for its unprovoked military attack against South Korea. Representative Steve Rothman (D-NJ), a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and cosponsor of this Resolution, released the following statement:

The United States stands shoulder to shoulder with our friend and ally South Korea in opposition to North Korea's unprovoked artillery attack against the island of Yeonpyeong that was carried out on November 23, 2010. This was a heinous act that cost the lives of innocent South Koreans and is only the latest outrage from the tyrannical and brutish regime in North Korea.

North Korea must end its aggression and immediately begin working with its neighbors toward regional stability and peace. North Korea continues to refuse to be a responsible member of the international community and live up to the commitments it made under the six-party talks on its nuclear programs in 2005. This is unacceptable and North Korea's noncompliance must be stopped.

I urge the Obama Administration to continue doing all that it can to address North Korea's deadly and dangerous behavior as quickly as possible. The U.S. must continue to stand in solidarity with our ally and close friend the Republic of Korea. Our goal must be to protect her and to achieve a just peace and lasting stability in Northeast Asia.

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