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House of Representatives, March 5, 1965

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Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PREVAIL UPON THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO RECALL CERTAIN SCIENTISTS DEVELOPING MISSILES FOR THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, AND TO EXTEND ITS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS RELATIVE TO WAR CRIMES.

WHEREAS, the West German Government has consistently refused to recall German scientists now working in Egypt on the development of missiles for the United Arab Republic, thereby bearing a great responsibility for the creation of a serious threat to the peace of the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, West Germany's failure to extend the statute of limitations against Nazi war criminals after May 8, 1965 will literally open its doors for the return of thousands of fugitive Nazis who will be immune to prosecution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Maine 102nd Legislature respectfully urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of State to prevail upon the West German Government to take appropriate action to prevent the application on May 8, 1965 of its statute of limitations relative to war crimes, and also to recall West German scientists who are participating in the development of missiles for the United Arab Republic; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the United States and the Secretary of State.