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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO END  
THE UNITED STATES' RULE IN THE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF IRAQ  
AND TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO BEGIN WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED  
STATES TROOPS FROM IRAQ.

1           WHEREAS, the citizens of Hawaii have a strong tradition of  
2 upholding the principles of democracy and respect for the rights  
3 of all people:

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5           (1) Hawaii supported the United States-led fight against  
6 Al Qaeda, which led to the liberation of the people of  
7 Afghanistan from the oppressive Taliban regime; and

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9           (2) House Resolution No. 2 expressed the Legislature's  
10 support for Operation Desert Storm in 1991; and

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12           WHEREAS, the reasons given by the United States President  
13 to justify the United States' preemptive military invasion of  
14 Iraq without the support of the United Nations have proved  
15 groundless:

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17           (1) The United States was not threatened with imminent  
18 attack by Iraq;

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20           (2) Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction; and

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22           (3) Iraq had no role whatsoever in the September 11, 2001,  
23 terrorist attacks against the United States; and

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25           WHEREAS, the financial and human costs of military  
26 operations in Iraq are staggering and continue to escalate:

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28           (1) As of March 8, 2006, congressional appropriations  
29 total nearly \$250,000,000,000, reducing funds  
30 available for education, health care, and other needed



1 social services in our cities, towns, and rural areas;  
2 and

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4 (2) In human costs, more than two thousand three hundred  
5 United States troops have been killed and nearly  
6 seventeen thousand have been wounded or disabled--  
7 killing our young and guaranteeing another generation  
8 of physically and emotionally wounded veterans; and  
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10 WHEREAS, although confirmation is problematical, sources  
11 report as many as six thousand Iraqi soldier deaths prior to May  
12 1, 2003, with estimates of civilian Iraqi deaths ranging from  
13 approximately thirty thousand to more than one hundred thousand  
14 civilian deaths due to coalition military action, according to a  
15 fall 2004 study by the British medical journal, *The Lancet*; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the United States President's policy in Iraq has  
18 isolated the United States from the international community, and  
19 many Americans believe the United States' military actions have  
20 made the nation less safe from terrorists; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the United States' attack on Iraq and our  
23 continued occupation has damaged the nation's credibility and  
24 reduced America's standing as a global leader; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the cost of activating members of Hawaii's  
27 National Guard for deployment to Iraq has been significant,  
28 resulting in lost lives, combat injuries and psychic trauma,  
29 disruption in family life, financial hardship for individuals,  
30 families, and businesses, and interruption of professional  
31 lives; and  
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33 WHEREAS, these hardships have been all the more difficult  
34 since they were suffered under the false pretenses given to  
35 justify the United States' preemptive invasion of Iraq; and  
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37 WHEREAS, the United States must make a dramatic change in  
38 its Iraq operations; the President and Congress of the United  
39 States should involve other nations and begin withdrawal of  
40 United States troops to bring them home safely as soon as  
41 practicable; and  
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43 WHEREAS, as former President Theodore Roosevelt stated, "To  
44 announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or



1 that we are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not  
2 only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally reprehensible to  
3 the American public"; and



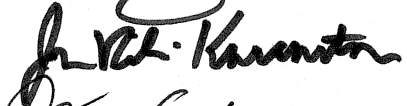
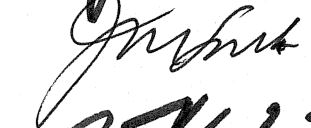
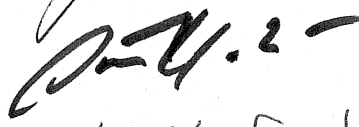
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5 WHEREAS, support for our country does not mandate  
6 continuing to keep our troops in harms way; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the President and Congress  
11 of the United States are respectfully requested to consult with  
12 officials from other nations regarding the necessary involvement  
13 of troops in the occupation and restoration of Iraq, and to take  
14 necessary action to withdraw United States troops from Iraq,  
15 consistent with the mandate of international humanitarian law;  
16 and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
20 United States, the President and the Minority Leader of the  
21 United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the  
22 United States House of Representatives, members of the Hawaii  
23 congressional delegation, the United States Secretary of  
24 Defense, the United States Secretary of State, the Secretary  
25 General of the United Nations, and the United States Ambassador  
26 to the United Nations.

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