
HOUSE 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
31 social services in our cities, towns, and rural areas;
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1 (2) In human costs, more than two thousand three hundred
2 United States troops have been killed and nearly
3 seventeen thousand have been wounded or disabled--
4 killing our young and guaranteeing another generation
5 of physically and emotionally wounded veterans; and
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7 WHEREAS, although confirmation is problematical, sources
8 report as many as six thousand Iraqi soldier deaths prior to May
9 1, 2003, with estimates of civilian Iraqi deaths ranging from
10 approximately thirty thousand to more than one hundred thousand
11 civilian deaths due to coalition military action, according to a
12 fall 2004 study by the British medical journal, *The Lancet*; and
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14 WHEREAS, the United States President's policy in Iraq has
15 isolated the United States from the international community, and
16 many Americans believe the United States' military actions have
17 made the nation less safe from terrorists; and
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19 WHEREAS, the United States' attack on Iraq and our
20 continued occupation has damaged the nation's credibility and
21 reduced America's standing as a global leader; and
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23 WHEREAS, the cost of activating members of Hawaii's
24 National Guard for deployment to Iraq has been significant,
25 resulting in lost lives, combat injuries and psychic trauma,
26 disruption in family life, financial hardship for individuals,
27 families, and businesses, and interruption of professional
28 lives; and
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30 WHEREAS, these hardships have been all the more difficult
31 since they were suffered under the false pretenses given to
32 justify the United States' preemptive invasion of Iraq; and
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34 WHEREAS, the United States must make a dramatic change in
35 its Iraq operations; the President and Congress of the United
36 States should involve other nations and begin withdrawal of
37 United States troops to bring them home safely as soon as
38 practicable; and
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40 WHEREAS, as former President Theodore Roosevelt stated, "To
41 announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or
42 that we are to stand by the president right or wrong, is not
43 only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally reprehensible to
44 the American public"; and

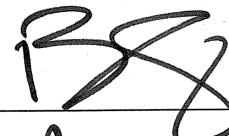


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2 WHEREAS, support for our country does not mandate
3 continuing to keep our troops in harms way; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2006, that the President and Congress of the United States
8 are respectfully requested to consult with officials from other
9 nations regarding the necessary involvement of troops in the
10 occupation and restoration of Iraq, and to take necessary action
11 to withdraw United States troops from Iraq, consistent with the
12 mandate of international humanitarian law; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
16 the President and the Minority Leader of the United States
17 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
18 House of Representatives, members of the Hawaii congressional
19 delegation, the United States Secretary of Defense, the United
20 States Secretary of State, the Secretary General of the United
21 Nations, and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.
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