

Oregon 2nd Congressional District RESOLUTION on the Cost of War

WHEREAS, the members of Oregon's 2nd Congressional District gathered at the February 17, 2007 Cost of War Town Hall to support the men and women deployed in Iraq and honor the memory of those who have lost their lives in the war, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,100 U.S. troops, including 79 from Oregon to date, and the wounding and disabling of more than 22,000 U.S. military personnel to date, as many as 600,000 Iraqi deaths, and unknown physical and psychic suffering by soldiers and their families, and

WHEREAS rural America is home to a disproportionate number of soldiers who have served in Iraq, with a death rate 60% higher than for soldiers from urban and suburban areas, and

WHEREAS, more than \$343 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction to date, and

WHEREAS, Oregon has spent almost \$3 billion and the 2nd Congressional District has spent \$525.1 million as of February 7, 2007 on the war and occupation in Iraq, and

WHEREAS taxpayers in the 2nd Congressional District have other priorities such as affordable housing, health insurance, libraries, public education, childcare, transportation, and economic development, and

WHEREAS, it should be clearly acknowledged that only a greater measure of international cooperation can create safety and security in Iraq, and

WHEREAS the United States military occupation of Iraq has placed significant strains on the capability of the United States Armed Forces, both active duty and reserve, and strained the Oregon National Guard's ability to respond to wildfires and other disasters while putting undue pressure on local and state economies:

WE THE PEOPLE of the Oregon 2nd Congressional District resolve the following:

- 1. We urge Congressman Walden, and Senators Wyden and Smith to vote NO on any new appropriations for the Iraq Occupation. This means voting NO on the new request of \$240 billion for Iraq through 2008. We urge Congressman Walden and Senators Smith and Wyden to use the money currently appropriated to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq immediately.**
- 2. We urge Congressman Walden, and Senators Wyden and Smith to act now to stop any widening of the conflict and any attack on Iran.**
- 3. We urge Congressman Walden to provide to every constituent in District 2 an accounting of the cost of the Iraq occupation.**
- 4. We, the undersigned groups and individuals, pledge to work cooperatively and across District 2 to ensure that our elected officials act in accordance with resolutions 1, 2, and 3.**

Affirmed by voice vote at the February 17th, 2007 Town Hall for Congressman Walden and Senators Smith and Wyden.