

Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR) has warned
4 of a “gap” between expected costs and actual costs of Iraq relief and reconstruction
5 (SGIR testimony before the House Subcommittee for National Security, Emerging
6 Threats, and International Relations, October 18, 2005); and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the SIGIR has estimated that completion of ongoing reconstruction projects
9 could take “another three to four years” (SGIR testimony before the Senate Foreign
10 Relations Committee, February 8, 2006); and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the SIGIR has stated that the Iraq government has a fraction of the funds
13 necessary even to maintain the existing infrastructure (SGIR testimony before the
14 House Subcommittee for National Security, Emerging Threats, and International
15 Relations, October 18, 2005); and,

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17 **WHEREAS**, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations committee Secretary of
18 State Donald Rumsfeld testified that the Department of Defense would not seek
19 additional Iraq relief and reconstruction funding after 2006 because “it was up to the
20 Iraqis to rebuild their own country to avoid ‘creating a dependency’” (Reuters,
21 February 7, 2006);

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party call upon
24 the Washington State Congressional delegation to support continued funding for Iraq
25 reconstruction and humanitarian relief until Iraq has achieved a self-sustaining
26 economy.

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29 Submitted by the 36th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
30 Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date
31 Submitted 04/22/2006)

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33 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in
34 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its
35 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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37 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
38 “Pass” at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be
39 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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41 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
42 Tacoma.