

Resolution Calling for the Impeachment of George W. Bush and Richard Cheney

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney have violated their oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and have committed high crimes, including but not limited to:

1. The President and Vice President lied to Congress and the American People about Iraq's involvement in the 9/11 attacks, and "fixed the intelligence" about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, thus justifying the invasion of Iraq with false and misleading statements.
2. The President and Vice President secretly approved wiretaps and electronic surveillance of U.S. citizens without a court order, violating the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and the 4th Amendment to our Constitution.
3. The President and Vice President approved torturing prisoners in violation of the 8th Amendment of our Constitution and the Geneva Convention. In an act of further arrogance, the President wrote in a "signing statement" in December 2005, that he had the right to ignore Congress' express prohibition of torture.
4. The President has acted to strip Americans of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention of citizens, without access to legal counsel, without charge and without opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant," all in subversion of law.
5. The President ordered and authorized both the former Attorney General to override judicial orders for the release of detainees under U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly INS) jurisdiction, even though the judicial officer after full hearing has determined that a detainee is held wrongfully by the Government, and

WHEREAS, the same Constitution that Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney have violated provides only one way for them to be charged with their crimes. The House of Representatives must investigate and charge them, through the impeachment process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that we the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, call on each and every one of our state's United States Representative and Senators to immediately lead the effort to initiate impeachment hearings of the President and Vice President.

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46 Submitted by the Jefferson County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
47 Central Committee for consideration at its January 26, 2008 meeting in the Vancouver.
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50 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
51 its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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53 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.