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45 **WHEREAS**, the State Democratic Party Chair refused to post (after a request by the
46 Kucinich Campaign coordinator) a congratulatory message to the winning candidate,
47 Dennis Kucinich, with an accompanying current photo of the candidate on the Home
48 Page while, at the same time, leaving an out-of-date report of an opposing candidate
49 (Barack Obama) in place for many days following his first place finish in the Iowa
50 Caucus; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, all of these factors, being taken together, constitute a very unfair situation
53 for a candidate who also, for no legitimate reason, suffered a media blackout of his
54 message and image in the corporate, mainstream media; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, one of the long-term goals of the Democratic Party has been to strengthen
57 the base of support and engagement of citizens in a diverse nation; and

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59 **WHEREAS**, our Democratic Party has traditionally supported equality and the
60 principle of free speech;

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62 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Central
63 Committee, asserts its wish to reaffirm the principles of "open and inclusive campaign
64 and debate processes" and "free speech" and equal and fair treatment of all declared
65 candidates who are on the Washington Democratic ballot, as well as the relevance and
66 importance of adherence to our Party Platform by the Party Chair and his agents; and

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68 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, this resolution, upon passage, be
69 sent to: the Washington State Democratic Central Committee of the; the Officers of
70 the WSDCC; Dwight Pelz, Party Chair; to the Chair of the Democratic National
71 Committee, and to Congressman Dennis Kucinich of Cleveland, Ohio.

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74 Submitted by the Progressive Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central
75 Committee for consideration at its January 26, 2008 meeting in the Vancouver. (Date
76 Submitted 1/14/2008)

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78 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
79 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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