

1                   **A Resolution Urging Congressional Opposition to**  
2                   **Further “Off-Budget” Funding for Military Spending in**  
3   **Iraq**

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5   **WHEREAS** the President of the United States is required by law to submit an annual  
6 budget consisting of estimates of spending, revenues, borrowing, and debt; policy and  
7 legislative recommendations; detailed estimates of the financial operations of federal  
8 agencies and programs; and other information supporting the President's  
9 recommendations; and

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11   **WHEREAS** the Unites States Government has been actively involved in a military  
12 engagement in Iraq which is now entering its 3rd year and for which there is currently  
13 no time positive set for withdrawal of our military forces; and

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15   **WHEREAS** the President has operated outside the budget process of the United States  
16 by submitting all funding requests for the military action in Iraq via certain Emergency  
17 Supplemental Budget Requests, the projected total of which has been determined by  
18 the Congressional Research Group to be exceeding \$200 BILLION; and

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20   **WHEREAS** the Department of Defense employs many capable military and civilian  
21 planners who should be able to provide the President with reasonable projections of the  
22 costs of continued military action in Iraq if for no other reason than they have had 2  
23 years of actual experience with which to base those projections;

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25   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Washington State Democrats Central  
26 Committee strongly urges our congressional delegation to stand in opposition to any  
27 further funding for our military involvement in the sovereign country of Iraq unless  
28 and until such funding is brought before the congress as part of the official budget of  
29 the Department of Defense where such funds will be subject to the same congressional  
30 oversight as any other monies allocated to that agency and weighed against the same  
31 budgetary constraints as any other funding requests.

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33   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted both in print and  
34 electronically by the Secretary of this body to each member of our congressional  
35 delegation to include Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Rep. Jay Inslee (1st  
36 CD), Rep. Rick Larsen (2nd CD), Rep. Brian Baird (3rd CD), Rep. “Doc” Hastings (4th  
37 CD), Rep. Cathy McMorris (5th CD), Rep. Norm Dicks (6th CD), Rep. Jim McDermott  
38 (7th CD), Rep. Dave Reichert (8th CD), and Rep. Adam Smith (9th CD).

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42 Shue, Vice-Chair 38th LD (3/22/2005).

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44 This resolution was approved and endorsed by the Executive Board of the 38th LD  
45 Democrats and is endorsed by the following individuals:  
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65 Pasco.  
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