

## 1       **Withdrawal of US Forces with “No Bases Left Behind”**

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3       **WHEREAS**, the Bush administration's rationales for the invasion of Iraq, i.e.  
4       Saddam Hussein's possession of weapons of mass destruction and his links to  
5       terrorists, have proven to be false;

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7       **WHEREAS**, the occupation has become a galvanizing force in the recruitment of  
8       terrorists worldwide and inside Iraq;

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10       **WHEREAS**, the occupation has also increased hatred of the United States in the  
11       Arab world;

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13       **WHEREAS**, permanent military bases will be perceived by the proud and  
14       independent Iraqi people as an occupation and will fuel the insurgency;

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16       **WHEREAS**, a growing number of senior American military officers in Iraq have  
17       concluded that no long-term military solutions exist;

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19       **WHEREAS**, the war in Iraq has already cost the United States \$300 billion and is  
20       continuing to cost the United States about \$1 billion a week diverting resources  
21       needed for meeting domestic needs;

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23       **WHEREAS**, the membership of the WSDCC senses that this invasion and  
24       occupation are wrong, deplore the loss of life and destruction in Iraq, and do not  
25       wish to be complicit;

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27       **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the WSDCC write a letter  
28       informing Washington State's Congressional delegation of this petition and urging  
29       them to join Representative Adam Smith and Representative Jim McDermott in  
30       supporting Representative Barbara Lee's Resolution calling for no permanent US  
31       military bases in Iraq (H. Con. Res. 197). Representatives McDermott and Inslee are  
32       also sponsors of 'Iraq Sovereignty Promotion Act of 2005' to declare that it is the  
33       policy of the United States not to maintain a long-term or permanent military  
34       presence in Iraq. The letter to Representative McDermott should thank him for his  
35       co-sponsorship of HR 197 and sponsorship of HR 3142 and the letter to  
36       Representative Inslee should thank him for his sponsorship of HR 3142.

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38       **THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the WSDCC  
39       Democrats write letters to Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray informing  
40       them of this petition and urging them to support S. Res 171 expressing the sense of  
41       the Senate that the President should submit to Congress a report on the time frame  
42       for the withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq.  
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50 Committee at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett.

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