

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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47 Everett by the 34th District Democrats (8/31/2005)

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50 Committee at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett.

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