

Resolution of Support for Lt. Ehren Watada

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3 **WHEREAS**, the war and occupation in Iraq have cost billions of US taxpayers' dollars;

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5 **WHEREAS**, over 3000 US troops have been killed in Iraq and tens of thousands more
6 have been wounded;

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8 **WHEREAS**, countless Iraqis have been killed, with some credible estimates at over
9 650,000 deaths;

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11 **WHEREAS**, polling now shows that over 70% of Americans oppose the Bush
12 administration's war policies in Iraq;

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14 **WHEREAS**, over 1000 active duty military personnel have recently petitioned congress
15 to redress and pull out of Iraq immediately;

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17 **WHEREAS**, many legal experts have contended that the invasion, occupation, and
18 exploitation of Iraq's resources was not only immoral, and unwise, but illegal according
19 to international law, UN treaty obligations, and the US Constitution;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Bush administration continues to push the failed and unpopular
22 policies in Iraq, recently even calling for an escalation of the US military's occupying
23 presence;

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25 **WHEREAS**, Lt . Ehren Watada faces a court martial for refusing deployment to Iraq
26 with additional penalties for publicly stating that his decision to do was because of the
27 illegality of the war.

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we, the Washington State Democratic Central
30 Committee support and commend Lt. Ehren Watada for his courage, moral leadership,
31 and commitment to duty demonstrated by his act of resistance to the continued costly,
32 destructive, and immoral US military occupation of Iraq;

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Central
35 Committee call on all of our elected Democratic representatives in the US Congress
36 from the State of Washington to make an effort to assist Lt. Watada as he seeks to
37 overcome persecution for his brave and honorable stand.
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40 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
41 Committee for consideration at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham. (Date
42 Submitted 2/28/2007)

43 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
44 its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.

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46 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.