

## Depleted Uranium Weapons Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS** "winning the mind and hearts" is the most effective defense against  
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6 **WHEREAS** Iraqi studies in Basra have shown that since the use of Depleted Uranium  
7 Weapons, there has been multi fold increases in malignancies, congenital malformities  
8 (Birth defects), miscarriages, children leukemia and sterilization cases - resulting in the  
9 US Army constructing a state of the art hospital specializing in advanced pediatric  
10 cancer treatment;

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12 **WHEREAS** on Oct. 12, 2009, Dr. Ai-sanarai, Iraq's Minister of Women's Affairs,  
13 reported to the United Nations that in September of 2009, 24% of all babies born in the  
14 Fallujah General Hospital died within the first week of life and of the babies that  
15 survived, 75% were born with deformities;

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17 **WHEREAS** US Army spokespersons maintain "There is not really any danger to Iraqi  
18 civilians, at least that we know about" when DU munitions are prohibited in training  
19 exercises and troops are instructed to avoid areas where DU weapons have been  
20 deployed and if there is a military need to deploy in such areas that masks be utilized;

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Representatives Larsen, Inslee, Smith,  
23 McDermott, Baird and Dicks; and Senators Murray and Cantwell be directed to present  
24 to their respective legislative bodies the following:

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26 1. A proposal for a funded study, independent of government agencies, be made  
27 in the Iraqi cities of Fallujah and Basra, determining the effects of Depleted  
28 Uranium Weapons on the rates of malignancies, congenital malformities,  
29 miscarriages, children's leukemia and sterility.

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31 2. A moratorium be recommended on the use of depleted uranium weapons  
32 until the studies are completed and presented to the electorate.

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34 3. A moratorium be recommended on the sales and transfers of Depleted  
35 Uranium and Depleted Uranium weapons until the studies completion and  
36 public disbursement.

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39 Submitted by the 39<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central  
40 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted  
41 12/24/2009)  
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43 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at  
44 its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

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46 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.