

1 **Resolution to Support HR 4173:**
2 **Prevent Iran from Acquiring Nuclear Weapons**
3 **and Stop War Through Diplomacy Act**
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5 **WHEREAS** House Resolution 4173 calls for the President to appoint a special envoy to
6 “pursue all diplomatic avenues” to “prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, to
7 avoid a war with Iran and for other purposes”;

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9 **WHEREAS** a war with Iran would be a mistake, repeating the propaganda campaign
10 that lead up to the war with Iraq;

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12 **WHEREAS** the bill envisions a nuclear fuel swap program but in concert with
13 “rigorous, ongoing inspections”;

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15 **WHEREAS** former Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, has said such a war would be a
16 “catastrophe,” and the current Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta warned that an attack
17 on Iran “could consume the Middle East in a confrontation and conflict that we would
18 regret”;

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20 **WHEREAS** initiating military action would be a moral, economic and physical disaster
21 with horrendous consequences for the entire world;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democrats, formally
24 issue our support of H.R 4173; and

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democrats,
27 contact our federal legislators and ask them to join the sponsors of the bill
28 (Representatives, Lee of CA, Jones, Conyers, Woolsey, Kucinich, Waters, Stark, Ellison,
29 Filner and Jackson Lee of TX) and vote to show their support of the Bill.
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32 Submitted by Jefferson County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
33 Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted 5/3/2012)

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35 Recommended ‘PASS WITH AMENDMENTS’ by the Subcommittee on the Foreign
36 Policy, Immigration, the Military, and Tribal Sovereignty and Relations at its May 12th
37 meeting in Ellensburg.

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39 Recommended ‘PASS’ by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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41 ‘PASSED’ by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
42 Seattle.