

Resolution Calling for Withdrawal of Military Forces from Afghanistan

WHEREAS the United States has been involved in two long-term unsustainable wars in Afghanistan and Iraq—the latter being entered into on the basis of fraudulent information by the George Bush Administration;

WHEREAS the U.S. will have spent a total of \$3.7 trillion on the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan by the time the conflicts end, costing 225,000 lives and creating 7.8 million refugees, according to a report by Brown University;

WHEREAS the countries we are occupying remain in states of internal chaos that the U.S. can never resolve, while U.S. military members are maimed with little reward or recognition for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party recognizes the tremendous human costs borne by our men and women in uniform, their families, and their communities across the nation;

WHEREAS President Obama withdrew American military forces from Iraq without detriment to our national interests; and

WHEREAS no beneficial purpose is served by the continued presence of American military forces in Afghanistan;

WHEREAS the nation struggles to pay these staggering costs while our aging infrastructure crumbles and domestic programs essential for the survival of children, the elderly and working poor are curtailed or cut altogether;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats strongly urge President Obama to withdraw all American military forces from Afghanistan at the earliest possible date; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats strongly urge our elected senators and representatives to take all possible actions in the United States Congress to obtain withdrawal of all American military forces from Afghanistan at the earliest possible date.

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42 Recommended 'PASS WITH AMENDMENTS' by the Subcommittee on the Foreign
43 Policy, Immigration, the Military, and Tribal Sovereignty and Relations at its May 12th
44 meeting in Ellensburg.

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46 Recommended 'PASS' by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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48 'PASSED' by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
49 Seattle.