

1 **Sexual Assault: Not a Laughing Matter on**
2 **OUR Armed Forces Radio and Television Services**

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4 **WHEREAS** sexual harassment in the military, frequently accompanied or followed by
5 sexual assault, has become a serious and persistent problem, damaging to troop
6 cohesion and morale;

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8 **WHEREAS**, according to Defense Department statistics, sexual assaults rose more than
9 30% in a recently completed two-year period, from a shocking 19,300 in 2010 to an
10 appalling 26,000 in 2012;

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12 **WHEREAS** the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services broadcasts news and
13 commentary, including "The Rush Limbaugh Show," to our military personnel in the
14 United States and abroad;

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16 **WHEREAS** the Rush Limbaugh Show not only consistently exhibits tolerance for sexual
17 harassment, it treats it as sport and encourages it – as exemplified by Mr. Limbaugh's
18 broadcast correlations of breast size and IQ, his suggestions that women enjoy sexual
19 harassment and that men could more effectively harass women by asking them to have
20 their breasts "stop staring at my eyes";

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22 **WHEREAS** Mr. Limbaugh, in his demonstrably misogynistic program, has swung
23 between celebrating sexual harassment and denying its existence, and gone so far as to
24 joke about rape itself; and

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26 **WHEREAS** it is irresponsible for taxpayer dollars to be used to fund the broadcast to
27 our troops of radio programs that advocate, make light of, or express tolerance for
28 sexual harassment and rape;

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call on the Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel
31 and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Martin Dempsey to remove the Rush
32 Limbaugh Show from our taxpayer-funded Armed Forces Radio and Television
33 Services.

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36 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 9/5/2014)

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38 Recommended Pass by the Resolutions Committee at their September 13, 2014 Meeting
39 in Ferndale.

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41 Passed by the WSDCC at their September 13, 2014 Meeting in Ferndale.