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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHAIR TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WEST VIRGINIA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REQUESTING THEM TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO REDEPLOY AMERICA'S MILITARY OCCUPATION OF IRAQ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEREAS, no evidence has been found linking Iraq with the terrorists' attack on the United States September 11, 2001; and,

WHEREAS, no weapons of mass destruction have been discovered in Iraq as a result of the American coalition invasion; and,

WHEREAS, the capture and incarceration of Saddam Hussein has already resulted in regime change in Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, the preceding events all cited as justification for this war have been resolved favorably in the interest of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the perceived goal of democratization of the Middle East has mired American armed forces in a centuries old conflict of ethnic, cultural and religious rivalries; and,

WHEREAS, the process of nation building in Iraq as part of democratization generally constitutes a long term process more effectively achieved without foreign involvement; and,

WHEREAS, foreign involvement in this democratization and stabilization in Iraq, if necessary, would be more effective under the auspices of the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, this continuing military occupation of Iraq rather than democratizing the Middle East has lead to greater instability and has adversely affected American national interests in that region of the world; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq is arguably creating increasing hostility toward the United States in the Muslim world and a greater future threat of terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq is depleting the United States government of assets necessary for combating domestic terrorism more effectively; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq has also resulted in an enormous foreign investment in that nation which could be better spent in this nation and state; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing American military occupation of Iraq is losing support among both the majority of the American populace and the Iraqi people; and,

WHEREAS, the military occupation has strained the resources of this nation as also evidenced by the inadequate disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Katrina; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq is not only overextending America's military assets, it is straining the human capacity of our military's reserve component; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq by American and other foreign troops is serving to prolong the insurgency there; and,

WHEREAS, the increased expenditures of the continuing military occupation of Iraq together with a series of tax cuts benefiting the wealthiest are causing a growing financial deficit of the United States government for future generations to pay; and,

WHEREAS, the earnings of private contractors affiliated with leading members of the current Administration and profiting from the continuing military occupation have created divisive suspicions of wartime profiteering; and,

WHEREAS, the lack of military experience on the part of certain of our government's leaders has appeared to have made them oblivious to the hardships, sacrifice and dangers our men and women in uniform are experiencing in Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq has hindered the United States from taking steps to eliminate or reduce its dependency on foreign sources of oil; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing military occupation of Iraq is further eroding our national spirit as that occupation is increasingly being seen as an American seizure of oil reserves there and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes an abiding concern for the welfare of America's men and women in uniform, not mindless military aggression or worse, indifference to them; and,

WHEREAS, the redeployment of the Iraqi occupation will not weaken America's commitment but instead reflect that United States has accomplished its mission, and the future of Iraq rests ultimately with the people of that nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNTAIN PARTY OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

That the Secretary of the Mountain Party be directed to forward this Resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States calling for the end of this nation's military occupation of Iraq as soon as possible; and further be it resolved the Secretary send this Resolution to West Virginia's Congressional delegation asking them to join West Virginia's senior senator, the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, in immediately commencing actions and debate in Congress with a goal toward terminating this nation's military involvement in Iraq.

Authorized by the 2006 State Convention of the WV Mountain Party

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