

Resolution of support for Lt. Ehren Watada

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3 **WHEREAS** the war and occupation in Iraq have cost billions of US taxpayers' dollars; and

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5 **WHEREAS** over 3000 US troops have been killed in Iraq and tens of thousands more have been
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8 **WHEREAS** countless Iraqis have been killed, with some credible estimates at over 650,000 deaths;
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11 **WHEREAS** polling now shows that over 70% of Americans oppose the Bush administration's war
12 policies in Iraq; and

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14 **WHEREAS** over 1000 active duty military personnel have recently petitioned congress to redress
15 and pull out of Iraq immediately; and

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17 **WHEREAS** many legal experts have contended that the invasion, occupation, and exploitation of
18 Iraq's resources was not only immoral, and unwise, but illegal according to international law, UN
19 treaty obligations, and the US Constitution.; and

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21 **WHEREAS** the Bush administration continues to push the failed and unpopular policies in Iraq,
22 recently even calling for an escalation of the US military's occupying presence;

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24 **WHEREAS** Lt . Ehren Watada faces a court marshal on February 5, 2007 for refusing deployment
25 to Iraq with additional penalties for publicly stating that his decision to do was because of the
26 illegality of the war;

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 45th Legislative District Democrats support and
30 commend Lt. Ehren Watada for his courage, moral leadership, and commitment to duty
31 demonstrated by his act of resistance to the continued costly, destructive, and immoral US military
32 occupation of Iraq; and

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34 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the 45th Legislative Democrats call on all of
35 our elected Democratic representatives in the US Congress from the State of Washington to assist Lt.
36 Watada as he seeks to avoid persecution for his brave and honorable stand.
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39 Endorsed by the 43rd District Democrats January 18, 2007

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41 Submitted to the Progressive Caucus for endorsement at the WSDCC meeting January 27, 2007 by
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