Resolution calling upon steps to withdraw our Reservists, Coast Guard Units and members of the California National Guard troops from Iraq.

WHEREAS, The City of Alameda strongly supports the women and men serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognizes the sacrifices that each of them is making, including those made by Alamedans in active and reserve units of the services, our local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Unit, our local Coast Guard units, and members of the California National Guard,

WHEREAS, the costs of deploying U.S. troops, in particular the call-up of our reservists and members of the California National Guard for deployment in Iraq have been significant, as determined in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and,

WHEREAS, the continued deployment of the California National Guard and Coast Guard units to Iraq puts Alameda and many California communities at risk in the event of a natural disaster, such as a major earthquake or storm,

WHEREAS, the costs have resulted in unprecedented Federal budget deficits, which have and will effect the State of California and Alameda directly,

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Alameda supports the principles stated HJR 73 (Murtha) calls for an identified date for withdrawing all troops, and in California AJR 36 (Hancock), which calls for the immediate withdrawal of the California National Guard, and

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alameda calls upon the President, Congress and the Governor of California to take immediate steps to establish a date and timetable to withdraw U.S. troops, including our reservists and the California National Guard, from Iraq and pursue a diplomatic approach to resolving the remaining conflicts,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alameda sends a copy of this Resolution to President Bush, each member of the California Congressional Delegation, Governor Schwarzenegger, the President Pro Tempore of the California Senate and our state representatives.

Re: Council Communications 7-B 2-7-06

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109th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. J. RES. 73

To redeploy U.S. forces from Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 17, 2005

Mr. MURTHA introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JOINT RESOLUTION

To redeploy U.S. forces from Iraq.

Whereas Congress and the American people have not been shown clear, measurable progress toward establishment of stable and improving security in Iraq or of a stable and improving economy in Iraq, both of which are essential to `promote the emergence of a democratic government';

Whereas additional stabilization in Iraq by U.S. military forces cannot be achieved without the deployment of hundreds of thousands of additional U.S. troops, which in turn cannot be achieved without a military draft;

Whereas more than $277 billion has been appropriated by the United States Congress to prosecute U.S. military action in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas, as of the drafting of this resolution, 2,079 U.S. troops have been killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas U.S. forces have become the target of the insurgency;

Whereas, according to recent polls, over 80 percent of the Iraqi people want the U.S. forces out of Iraq;

Whereas polls also indicate that 45 percent of the Iraqi people feel that the attacks on U.S. forces are justified; and

Whereas, due to the foregoing, Congress finds it evident that continuing U.S. military action in Iraq is not in the best interests of the United States of America, the people of Iraq, or the

Persian Gulf Region, which were cited in Public Law 107-243 as justification for undertaking such action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That:

SECTION 1. The deployment of United States forces in Iraq, by direction of Congress, is hereby terminated and the forces involved are to be redeployed at the earliest practicable date.

SEC. 2. A quick-reaction U.S. force and an over-the-horizon presence of U.S. Marines shall be deployed in the region.

SEC. 3. The United States of America shall pursue security and stability in Iraq through diplomacy.

END

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dymally, Goldberg, Laird, and Leno)

September 2, 2005

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 36—Relative to the California National Guard and the War in Iraq.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 36, as introduced, Hancock. California National Guard and the War in Iraq.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states by limiting federal control of the California National Guard to cases where there is an insurrection or a declaration of war under the United States Constitution.

Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature strongly supports the women and men serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognizes the sacrifices that each of them is making; and

WHEREAS, In October 2002, the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq, relying on statements that were untrue, when, in fact, the United States was not threatened with attack by Iraq, Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, and Saddam Hussein played no role in the 9/11 attacks; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Americans would like to see a withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq but there is, to date, no exit strategy; and

WHEREAS, The costs of the call up of California National Guard members for deployment in Iraq have been significant, as determined in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many California communities; and

WHEREAS, These are costs which would be suffered willingly were there a threat to our nation, but which are not tolerable where there is none; and

WHEREAS, Californians have joined the National Guard thinking that they would be serving their neighbors by helping with California-based emergencies, unless there was a danger to the United States requiring transfer to active duty; and

WHEREAS, Stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Californians in the National Guard and the state and nation they agreed to serve; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that the federalization and deployment of National Guard members has rendered the remaining National Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution provides that Congress shall have the power to "provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and repel invasions," reserving to the California State Assembly, the California State Senate, and the Governor of California the authority to direct the training and arming of members of the California National Guard for defense of the state; and

WHEREAS, Since 1986 the President and Congress have had nearly total control over state militias, including the California National Guard; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California request the California Congressional Delegation to call on Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, vis-a-vis the National Guard, by limiting federal control to cases where there is an insurrection or a declaration of war under the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the California State Legislature calls upon the Governor of California to ensure that the President and Congress take immediate steps to withdraw California National Guard troops from Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

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