

House Joint Memorial 38

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SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to pass resolution declaring policy that calls for withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq at earliest possible date.

JOINT MEMORIAL

1 To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United
2 States of America, in Congress assembled:

3 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-
4 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

5 Whereas the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public
6 Law 107-243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) was passed by Congress on October 11, 2002; and

7 Whereas Public Law 107-243 cited Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction as a primary
8 reason for the use of the United States Armed Forces against Iraq; and

9 Whereas on January 12, 2005, the President officially declared an end to the search for weapons
10 of mass destruction in Iraq; and

11 Whereas the United States initiated combat operations in Iraq on March 19, 2003; and

12 Whereas hundreds of thousands of members of the United States Armed Forces have served with
13 honor and distinction in Iraq; and

14 Whereas more than \$200 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations
15 and reconstruction in Iraq; and

16 Whereas more than 1,700 members of the United States Armed Forces have been killed and more
17 than 12,000 members of the Armed Forces have been wounded in substantially accomplishing the
18 stated purpose of the United States of giving the people of Iraq a reasonable opportunity to decide
19 their own future; and

20 Whereas the United States' military occupation of Iraq has placed significant strains on the
21 capacity of the United States Armed Forces, both active duty and reserve; and

22 Whereas the armed forces of Iraq number more than 76,000 troops as of June 8, 2005, and are
23 growing in number and capability daily; and

24 Whereas the forces of the Iraqi Interior Ministry number more than 92,000 personnel as of June
25 8, 2005, and are growing in number and capability daily; and

26 Whereas the United States has in place a timetable for training, equipping and employing Iraqi
27 security forces to take over the counterinsurgency mission from coalition forces; now, therefore,

28 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

29 That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress
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1 of the United States to pass a resolution that declares that it is the policy of the United States:

2 (1) To announce, not later than December 31, 2005, a plan for the withdrawal of all United
3 States Armed Forces from Iraq;

4 (2) To turn over at the earliest possible date all military operations in Iraq to the elected Gov-
5 ernment of Iraq and provide for the prompt and orderly withdrawal of all United States Armed
6 Forces from Iraq; and

7 (3) To initiate a withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from Iraq as soon as possible but
8 not later than October 1, 2006; and be it further

9 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States, to the
10 Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the
11 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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