
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 20, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the termination of the deployment of United States forces
2 in Iraq.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania and the American people have not been shown clear,
5 measurable progress toward establishing stable and improving
6 security in Iraq or a stable and improving economy in Iraq as
7 needed to promote the emergence of a democratic government; and

8 WHEREAS, Additional stabilization in Iraq by United States
9 military forces cannot be achieved without the deployment of
10 hundreds of thousands of additional United States troops, which
11 deployment cannot be achieved without a military draft; and

12 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has appropriated
13 more than \$277 billion to prosecute United States military
14 action in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

15 WHEREAS, As of the drafting of this resolution, more than
16 2,000 United States troops have been killed in Operation Iraqi

1 Freedom; and

2 WHEREAS, United States forces have become the target of the
3 insurgency; and

4 WHEREAS, According to recent polls, more than 80% of the
5 Iraqi people want United States forces out of Iraq, and 45% of
6 the Iraqi people feel that the attacks on United States forces
7 are justified; and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania finds that continuing United States military action
10 in Iraq is not in the best interests of the United States, the
11 people of Iraq or the Persian Gulf region as cited in Public Law
12 107-243 authorizing military force against Iraq; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge that:

15 (1) Deployment of United States forces in Iraq be
16 terminated and the forces involved be redeployed at the
17 earliest practicable date.

18 (2) A quick-reaction United States force and an over-
19 the-horizon presence of United States Marines be deployed in
20 the region.

21 (3) The United States pursue security and stability in
22 Iraq through diplomacy;

23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
26 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.