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WASHINGTON, A. WILLIAMS AND WOZNIAK, MARCH 7, 2007

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 7, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing military escalation in Iraq.

2 WHEREAS, The United States fighting force valiantly carries
3 out missions in Iraq under dire circumstances; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 3,000 United States soldiers have died
5 while serving our nation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, More than 47,000 United States nonmortal casualties
8 have been reported; and

9 WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proposed an
10 escalation in the number of United States troops deployed to
11 Iraq; and

12 WHEREAS, Sustaining the proposed buildup of roughly 21,500
13 more troops affects deployments of United States Army National
14 Guard and Reserve units, including the Pennsylvania Army
15 National Guard; and

16 WHEREAS, Sustaining the proposed troop buildup requires

1 additional defense spending; and

2 WHEREAS, Defense spending, up 60% from the President's 2001
3 budget, has led to cuts in critical block grants to states and
4 cuts in domestic spending; and

5 WHEREAS, The President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008
6 seeks defense spending which far exceeds congressionally
7 authorized appropriations and supplemental appropriations; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has a long
9 tradition of limiting escalation or forcing redeployment;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 oppose military escalation in Iraq; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the President to obtain
14 explicit congressional approval for strategic plans for the
15 defense and reconstruction of Iraq; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Congress to pass
17 legislation prohibiting the President from military escalation
18 in Iraq without explicit congressional approval; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
21 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
22 each house of Congress and to the Pennsylvania Congressional
23 Delegation.