

46th District Democrats

Resolution Calling for the Impeachment of President Bush

WHEREAS, misleading the United States into war, violating human rights protected by treaty law and the Constitution, and spying on US citizens without warrants, are high crimes and misdemeanors that are abuses of State power and are impeachable offenses; and there is reason to believe that President George W. Bush may have misled the nation into war by manipulating or withholding material intelligence information and/or falsifying the threat that Iraq presented to the American people; authorized a policy of torture; and spied on US citizens contrary to statutes and without obtaining warrants;

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration represented as certain fact that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and intended to use them and that Iraq provided assistance to al-Qaeda, while knowingly withholding material qualifying and countervailing information that would make the asserted causes for war appear to be speculative or uncertain;

WHEREAS, President Bush either knew the representations were false or that it was materially misleading to withhold qualifying and countervailing information, and recklessly led us into war disregarding the likelihood that the reasons for going to war would be wrong or non-existent;

WHEREAS, torture is contrary to the US Constitution, our traditions and ideals, the common law, customary international law and US treaty obligations including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,; the United Nation Convention Against Torture, and the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions; and degrades those who practice it, yields unreliable information, constitutes punishment without trial, encourages torture by others of our own citizens and military personnel, and has no part in any nation claiming to represent democracy or to lead in a struggle against terrorism;

WHEREAS, President Bush has engaged in or authorized a policy of torture, and cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment; and has stated that prohibitions against torture should not apply to foreigners outside the US; directed his vice president to oppose Congressional acts prohibiting torture and condoned the practice of sending persons to the custody of other governments known or expected to engage in torture; or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;

Whereas, the US Constitution and federal statutes prohibit spying or eavesdropping on US citizens in the US without a court order or a warrant; and President Bush admits to conducting a spying program that clearly violates the law in this regard;

Whereas, this nation has often been under threat of attack, and using the threat of attack to justify violation of law arrogates to the executive branch the power to act lawlessly and could lead to the downfall of our democracy and civil liberties; and it is incumbent upon all to resist and remedy such violations, else greater violations be committed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the 46th District Democrats that the House of Representatives shall institute an investigation into the IMPEACHMENT of President George W. Bush for high crimes and misdemeanors including misleading the nation into war, authorizing torture, and spying on US citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to all US Representatives and Senators representing areas served by this organization who shall be asked to respond in writing within 30 days as to what action they will take in furtherance of said IMPEACHMENT investigation.

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