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**Resolution of the 46th District Democrats Supporting a First Step in a
New, Positive Direction for U.S. Foreign Policy**

WHEREAS, ever since the destruction of the World Trade Center, George W. Bush has used that event as reason for pursuing his “War on Terror,” invading and occupying Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in 26,000+ U.S. casualties, including more than 3,600 deaths, plus inflicted suffering on their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, over 3,400 Afghans and 655,000 Iraqis have died unnecessarily, and over two million displaced; and

WHEREAS, these military actions have done nothing to reduce the strength of those who destroyed the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, these military actions have caused more hatred of the United States and increased the number of people flocking daily to Iraq to resist violently; and

WHEREAS, the costs to U.S. taxpayers have already been 369 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, by spending one quarter of that same amount of money to help the half of the world that is hungry, homeless, unhealthy, poorly clothed and poorly educated, we would

- a) Go a long way toward eliminating those hardships,
- b) Engender respect and friendship towards the United States,
- c) Encourage the spread of democracy and human rights, and
- d) Begin to introduce a new era of peace and freedom for the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the 46th District Democrats urge Congressmen Inslee, McDermott, and Smith, and US Senators Murray and Cantwell to initiate a move for the United States to lead, instead of military interventions, a world-wide effort to promote adequate health, food, housing, clothing and education, working toward a program of cooperation among all nations.

Adopted by the 46th District Democrats on Thursday, July 19, 2007.