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**SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES REGARDING PRESIDENTIAL WAR POWERS**

WHEREAS in the 2006 election the American People demanded an end to the war in Iraq, emphatically rejecting the Bush Administration's preemptive war doctrines, and,

WHEREAS the diversion of the nation's resources to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq is doing grave harm to the general welfare of the American people, is putting personnel in our armed forces in daily jeopardy for lack of adequate protective combat supply and is denying just treatment for the veterans from current and past conflicts, and,

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States makes clear that the power to declare war resides solely with the Congress of the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no interpretation of the War Powers Act, nor previous resolutions or legislative action by the Congress regarding the use of force in the Middle East shall be construed as authorizing further foreign military action, solely on the President's authority, and that no funds appropriated by Congress may be expended to engage in war with any people, nation or movement unless a formal Declaration of War has been made by this Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee urges Congress to adopt this resolution, and that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee distribute copies of this resolution to Representatives Woolsey and Thompson, to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, to such media outlets as the Public Relations Committee may deem appropriate, and to all other California county Democratic central committees and to the California Democratic Party for consideration and support.

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Adapted from Harlan Hobgood, San Luis Obispo County Democratic Central Committee

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