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**A Resolution**

**Calling for Opposition to U.S. Military  
Intervention or Use of Force in Iran**

**WHEREAS**, the Bush Administration has escalated aggressive rhetoric against Iran and positioned warships and other military forces in close proximity in a threatening fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, this buildup, both militarily and rhetorically, bears a close resemblance to that seen preceding the disastrous invasion of Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, overheated U.S. rhetoric is expanding earlier claims about a nuclear weapons program in Iran to include allegations (using show and tell but absent any real evidence) that Iran is supplying weapons that are killing U.S. troops in Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq states that Iran "is not likely to be a major driver of violence" there; and

**WHEREAS**, it was the consensus view of all U.S. intelligence agencies in the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate on Iran that Iran does not currently have and has not had since 2003, a nuclear weapons program; and

**WHEREAS**, this assessment confirms what the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency and 2006 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mohammad el-Baradei has said for many years, that Iran is years away from the capability of building a nuclear weapon and, therefore, negotiations are called for as provided by HR 5056; and

**WHEREAS**, Iran poses no immediate threat to the U.S., it does not possess a nuclear weapon and is not threatening to attack the U.S.; it is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; U.S. intelligence has concluded it has no nuclear weapons program and, in 2003, Iran proposed a "grand bargain" with the U.S., an offer the Bush Administration summarily dismissed; and

**WHEREAS**, a U.S. (or U.S.-Israeli) attack on Iran, especially with nuclear "bunker buster" weapons under consideration, would be deadly for untold thousands of Iranian civilians, and would be a preventative attack illegal under the United Nations Charter and international law, as well as a violation of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of a U.S. attack on Iran would be dire for the entire world, with dangerously destabilizing effects on the Middle East, likely leading to a broader war in the region and enormous negative consequences for the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the ongoing war in Iraq to the City of Evanston has been One Hundred Seventy-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$178,500,000.00) through 2007, with proposed additional spending of Sixty Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$60,800,000.00) in 2008; and Nobel Prize economist Joseph Stiglitz estimates the total cost of the Iraq war to the U.S. as Three Trillion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00), and

**WHEREAS**, the staggering sums being spent on unnecessary wars are diverting funds desperately needed for urgent domestic needs, especially in our great urban centers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Evanston urges its Congressional representatives:

- To express the will of the people of Evanston that the U.S. not launch military operations against Iran.
- To enact a Congressional action to prevent funding for any military operations against Iran.
- To pressure the present Administration and the next Administration to negotiate with Iran without the threat of military action.
- To maintain pressure against any escalation of the Iraq war, either with more troops or by extending the war into Iran.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Bush, Vice President Cheney, all of Evanston's Representatives and both Illinois Senators. A copy of this resolution shall be posted to the City of Evanston website.

  
Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mary R. Morris, City Clerk

Adopted: May 12, 2008