

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0030R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

End the War in Iraq

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2 FOR the purpose of urging the prompt withdrawal of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; that
3 funding for Iraq be limited to money needed for the safe and speedy withdrawal of our troops
4 and to assist in rebuilding damage inflicted by our occupation; that the tens of billions in
5 savings be used to create jobs, establish a universal health care system, fully fund our
6 schools, and assist families facing mortgage foreclosure; and that there be created a "GI Bill
7 of Rights" that provides comprehensive health care and a college education for soldiers when
8 they leave the service.

9 **WHEREAS**, March 19, 2008, marks the 5th year since the preemptive invasion of Iraq, a war
10 based on lies, that has taken the lives of nearly 4,000 American soldiers and an estimated
11 650,000 Iraqi citizens; and

12 **WHEREAS**, A similar crisis afflicts Afghanistan, a nation the U.S. and NATO occupied in
13 October 2002, with a toll of 478 American dead and untold thousands of Afghani; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The dollar cost to our nation of these open-ended wars will soon surpass one
15 trillion dollars, or about \$12.5 billion each month, funds desperately needed here at home as
16 millions face foreclosure on their homes, loss of their jobs, health care, and pensions; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Economists warn of an "Iraq recession," as the cost of the occupation, coupled
18 with runaway inflation, plunges the nation into the worst economic crisis in decades; and

19 **WHEREAS**, State and local budgets for schools, housing, low income fuel assistance, SCHIP
20 and other health programs are being cut while increased funding for these programs is required;
21 and

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That we
23 elected officials working to ensure the welfare of the people of Baltimore, object to President
24 George W. Bush's refusal to agree to any exit strategy from Iraq and to requests for an additional
25 \$170 billion to pay for another year of occupation.

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we urge the prompt withdrawal of our troops from
27 Iraq and Afghanistan; that funding for Iraq be limited to money needed for the safe and speedy
28 withdrawal of our troops and to assist in rebuilding damage inflicted by our occupation of those
29 devastated nations; that the tens of billions in savings be used to create jobs, establish a universal
30 health care system, fully fund our schools, and assist families facing mortgage foreclosure; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 that there be created a “GI Bill of Rights” that provides comprehensive health care and a college
2 education for soldiers when they leave the service.

3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the President of
4 the United States, our Maryland Delegation to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the
5 Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the
6 Council.