CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 11-0291R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, D'Adamo, Henry, President Young, Councilmembers Welch, Reisinger, Holton, Conaway, Spector, Clarke, Middleton Introduced and adopted: May 16, 2011

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 2	In Support of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Resolution Calling on Congress to Redirect Military Spending to Domestic Priorities
3	For the purpose of expressing the support of the Baltimore City Council for efforts to swiftly
4	end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and for the resolution currently under consideration by
5 6	the U.S. Conference of Mayors calling upon Congress to redirect military spending to domestic priorities.
7	Recitals
8	Whereas, the severity of the ongoing economic crisis has created budget shortfalls at all
9	levels of government and requires us to re-examine our national spending priorities; and
10	Whereas, the people of the United States are collectively paying approximately \$126 billion
11	dollars per year to wage war in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
12	Whereas, 6,024 members of the US armed forces have died in these wars; and at least
13	120,000 civilians have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the coalition attacks began.
14	Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the
15	Baltimore City Council supports efforts to speed up the ending of the wars in Iraq and
16	Afghanistan and supports the U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution calling on Congress to
17	redirect military spending to domestic priorities.
18	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
19	U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.