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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS INSPECTORS IN IRAQ

WHEREAS, Americans have always risen to the need to protect our freedom and security, as well as the freedom and security of nations around the world, when a clear danger is demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports the men and women serving in the armed forces and honors their commitment to our nation’s safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations inspectors have said they need more time to complete their work; and

WHEREAS, a unilateral preemptive strike risks international destabilization by encouraging other countries to engage in unilateral attacks; and

WHEREAS, most American cities and states are suffering fiscal crises that threaten funds for basic services and endanger programs that benefit working people and the poor; and

WHEREAS, military action against Iraq would cost billions of dollars at a time when the American economy is struggling and at a time when the federal government is operating with a deficit; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON:

That the Houston, Texas City Council goes on record with over 70 other American cities as opposing unilateral preemptive military action against Iraq.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the Houston City Council supports granting United Nations weapons inspectors in Iraq the time they seek to complete their work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That the Houston City Council calls on the federal government to continue working through the United Nations Security Council towards a diplomatic resolution that brings disarmament in Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
That this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States and to our Senatorial and Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED: