

**DRAFT**

**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:**