

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Senate Resolution Number 139

Legislative Action:

Introduced by: Spenser Paul

House Committee: _____

Authored by: Spenser Paul

House: _____

Senate Committee: _____

Delegation: Great Falls

Senate: _____

Governor: _____

Referred to Committee: Senate Judiciary Committee

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE YMCA MONTANA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OPPOSING AN ESCALATION OF THE
3 UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ; AND ASKING THAT THE PRESIDENT
4 OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM CONGRESS BEFORE SENDING MORE AMERICAN
5 SOLDIERS TO IRAQ.

6
7 WHEREAS, the President has proposed an escalation in the number of United States troops
8 deployed in Iraq; and

9 WHEREAS, United States involvement in Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000
10 United States troops and the wounding of more than 22,000 United States military personnel to
11 date; and

12 WHEREAS, this proposed escalation will result in future National Guard tours in Iraq, with a
13 significant percentage of Montana National Guard units having already completed tours in Iraq;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the cost to National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant,
16 as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial
17 hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the
18 fabric of civic life in our communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Montanans have gone above and beyond the call of duty, with a large percentage
20 of Montana men and women serving in Iraq and 14 Montanans giving their lives in Iraq as of
21 December 31, 2006; and

22 WHEREAS, more than \$357 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military
23 operations and reconstruction in Iraq to date; and

24 WHEREAS, a majority of Congress, the military, and the nation oppose the President's
25 strategy of escalation; and

26 WHEREAS, Congress has broad authority and a long tradition of limiting escalation or
27 forcing redeployment of troops through the power of the purse.

28

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
30 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YMCA MONTANA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

31 That the YMCA Montana Youth Legislature call on the United States government to not
32 escalate its involvement in Iraq or increase troop levels.

33

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State
35 to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United
36 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and
37 Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and each member of
38 the Montana Congressional Delegation.

39

- END -