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## Resolution to Advocate Ending the Funding for the Iraq War

Whereas it is in the national interest of the United States to invest in libraries and other public services as opposed to war;

Whereas ALA has called for the withdrawal from Iraq of all U.S. military forces, and the return of full sovereignty to the people of Iraq (CD#62, June 29, 2005);

Whereas ALA has deplored the inaction of the U.S. and British authorities to secure cultural institutions to prevent the loss of precious cultural resources in Iraq and urges the U.S. Government to provide funding for the reconstruction and rebuilding of libraries and other cultural institutions in Iraq (CD#18.4, June 25, 2003);

Whereas ALA has condemned the use or threat of use of torture by the US government as a barbarous violation of human rights, intellectual freedom and the rule of law (CD#59, June 30, 2004);

Whereas ALA has opposed the use by government of disinformation, media manipulation, the destruction and excision of public information, and other such tactics that are associated with the Iraq War (CD#64 on June 29, 2005);

Therefore be it resolved that ALA support efforts in the US Congress to stop the Iraq War by withholding funds for military actions in Iraq, except for funds necessary for a safe, quick, and orderly withdrawal.

Resolved that this resolution be sent to all members of the US Congress and the library and national press.

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