

Resolution Title: Proposed NYSUT RA Resolution Regarding the War in Iraq
Submitted by: Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, our parent federation, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), passed a resolution at its 2006 July convention titled "U.S. Policy in Iraq" that opposes the war in Iraq and calls upon our country's leaders to withdraw all troops, bases and military operations in a rapid and timely manner and put a stop to the unending military presence that will waste lives and resources, undermine our nation's security and weaken our military; and

Whereas, the AFT also resolved to actively encourage its state and local affiliates to join them in working with the AFL-CIO to end the war in Iraq and bring the troops home rapidly; and

Whereas, the AFL-CIO has passed Resolution 53 on the war in Iraq which was also supported by the AFT; and

Whereas, the war has resulted in staggering human, social and economic costs to both Iraqis and Americans, the violation of labor rights in Iraq by the U.S. occupation and its Iraqi surrogates, the privatization of Iraq's public assets and grotesque war-profiteering by U.S. corporations; and

Whereas, the U.S. government propagated false information to justify the invasion and expansionist premises that underlie its policy; and therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT call for the immediate withdrawal of all troops, bases and military operations in Iraq and oppose their redeployment elsewhere in the Persian Gulf; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT mobilize its members to call on the New York State congressional delegation to vote "no" on any funding bill to continue the war and to facilitate legislation that will withdraw all troops, bases and military operations, that will fund full benefits, adequate health care, and other support for returning veterans and their families, and organize their congressional peers to do the same; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT encourage locals to organize activities to end the war and develop materials to educate its members about the human, social, political and economic costs of the war; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT create a statewide anti-war listserv for members and locals to help encourage the exchange and dissemination of educational materials, organizing materials and best practices.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was approved for submission to the 2007 NYSUT Representative Assembly by the:

Delegate Assembly

at a meeting held on

December 21, 2006

Signed:



(President)

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