

1 [Resolution Supporting Conscientious Objection to the Iraq War and Occupation]

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5 WHEREAS, 63% of San Francisco voters have approved Proposition N, a declaration  
6 of City policy urging the United States government to cease hostilities in Iraq and bring all  
7 military personnel in Iraq back to the United States; and,

8 WHEREAS, Conscientious Objection and civil resistance by military servicepersons is  
9 a healthy and important function in the military in a democracy especially where the decisions  
10 to invade and occupy Iraq were made undemocratically, in violation of international law and  
11 based on continuing lies and misinformation; and,

12 WHEREAS, The invasion and occupation of Iraq was preceded by and has  
13 subsequently included Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Acts of Torture  
14 in violation the Geneva Conventions, the Nuremberg Conventions and the U.N. Charter; and,

15 WHEREAS, The U.S. Military Code of Justice states that military personnel have a  
16 right and a duty to disobey illegal orders; and,

17 WHEREAS, Pablo Paredes, Kevin Benderman and many other military personnel have  
18 applied for conscientious objector status and have been punished for applying, denied due  
19 process and had their claims wrongly rejected; and,

20 WHEREAS, Pablo Paredes and Kevin Benderman face military courts martial which  
21 may result in forfeiture of pay and benefits, and military jail time for their conscientious  
22 objection and upholding of international law; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the courage and honor of Kevin  
24 Benderman, Pablo Paredes and other conscientious objectors; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the United States military  
2 to respect and recognize the right of Kevin Benderman and Pablo Paredes to conscientious  
3 objector status and to refrain from court martial, imprisonment, confiscation of pay or benefits  
4 or other punishments; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes May 10, 2005 as  
6 National Day of Action to Support GI Resisters.

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May 17, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on May 17, 2005 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: May 27, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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