A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Resolution No 2019-001

Upholding the United States Constitution with Regard to Military Intervention in Iran & Venezuela

Whereas, the United States Foreign Affairs Committee passed House Bill 1004 (HR 1004), prohibiting unauthorized military action in Venezuela and the entire House of Representatives passed the Global Fragility Act (House Bill 2116 - HR 2116) with broad bipartisan support [1-4];

Whereas, these bills include an exception for an attack on the United States or its armed forces, as per the War Powers Resolution of 1973, [5-6]

Whereas, article I, section 8 & 10 of the U.S. constitution states that only Congress has the power to declare war [7];

Whereas, War Powers Act of 1973 states that the president may use military force without congressional authorization, but said conflict must only be used to repel attacks against the United States and even so, congressional authorization must occur if armed conflict lasts for more than 60 days [5-6];

Whereas, over 50 commercial, religious, political, and private organizations, such as Credo, Indivisible, American Friends Service Committee, and the United Methodist and Presbyterian churches support the Senate Joint Resolution 11 (SJR 11) prohibiting unauthorized military action in Venezuela [8-9]; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Jackson County Democratic Party calls on the Oregon congressional delegation to oppose U.S. military intervention against the sovereign nations of Iran & Venezuela; and be it

Resolved, that the Jackson County Democratic Party endorses both H.R.1004 and HR 2116 as well as SJR 11,; and be it

Resolved, that we urge support of good faith negotiations between the Maduro government and Venezuela's opposition-led Congress, as well as diplomatic efforts as proposed by Mexico, especially as the people of Venezuela are struggling in a profound humanitarian crisis; and additionally, be it

Resolved, that we urge support of good faith negotiations between the United States government and the government of Iran as this is a turning point for trust between our nations and the peaceful resolution of a long simmering conflict that could provide confidence that peace in the Middle East is attainable.

TO: Sen. Wyden, Sen. Merkley, Rep. Blumenauer, Rep. Bonamici, Rep. Schrader, Rep. DeFazio, and Rep. Walden. (suggest all senators and representatives, as well as local media, all other platform committees in the state, and our social media and websites or as per resolution distribution policy.)

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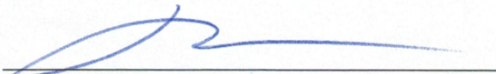https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title50/chapter33&edition=prelim

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[8]: "Over 50 Groups Urge Senators to Prohibit Unauthorized Military Action in Venezuela", Friends Committee on National Legislation Update, May 2019, link: https://www.fcnl.org/updates/over-50-groups-urge-senators-to-prohibit-unauthorized-military-action-in-venezuela-2079

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ADOPTED by the Jackson County Democratic Party on the 27th day of February, 2019.

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