

RESOLUTION NO. R04-08 CMS

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN THE IRAQ WAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the preemptive U.S. invasion of Iraq in March 2003 was motivated by Iraq's alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction and alleged link to terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda; and

WHEREAS, David Kay, the Bush administration's chief inspector in Iraq, stated in January 2004 that U.S. intelligence was wrong about Iraq and that no weapons of mass destruction in fact existed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations reported in March 2004 that there were no weapons of mass destruction of any significance in Iraq after 1994; and

WHEREAS, no proof has been found to support the allegation that Iraq's Saddam Hussein had strong connections with Al Qaeda; and

WHEREAS, the inability to establish either the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or connections to Al Qaeda represent a major failure in U.S. intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the commission established by President Bush on February 6, 2004 was hand-picked by and reports to the administration and thus is not "independent" and it is not required to report any of its findings until March 2005, and thus is not "timely"; and

WHEREAS, the future ability of the U.S. government to build international coalitions to protect America depends on the credibility of U.S. statements and the veracity of U.S. intelligence; and

WHEREAS, the best way to restore U.S. credibility both at home and abroad is to launch a truly independent and timely investigation into the government's use of intelligence information about Iraq to justify the war; and

WHEREAS, this war has cost the state of Ohio over \$4,991,700,000.00, an amount which could have provided health insurance to over 2,139,594 children for one year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That this Council instructs its elected officials in Congress to work for a full accounting of intelligence used to justify the war in Iraq, asking them to call for a truly independent, timely, congressionally-mandated commission to investigate the government's process in acquiring and utilizing intelligence, and to issue interim reports by October 31, 2004.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit:

“to authorize a resolution indicating the opinion of Oberlin City Council on a matter of great importance to the citizens of the United States in a timely manner”, and shall take place immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1st Reading – August 16, 2004 (E)
2nd Reading –
3rd Reading –

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 8/17/2004

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