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6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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8 RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 037  
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10 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY  
11 OF DEFENSE DONALD H. RUMSFELD AND COMMENDING THE SOLDIERS OF  
12 THE 172 STRYKER BRIGADE  
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14 WHEREAS, the invasion of Iraq, termed “Operation Iraqi Freedom” by the  
15 U.S. Administration, began in March of 2003 marking the beginning of what is now  
16 commonly known as the Iraqi War; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld is the principal  
19 defense policy adviser to the President and is responsible for the formulation of general  
20 defense policy. Under the direction of the President, the Secretary exercises authority,  
21 direction and control over the Department of Defense; and  
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23 WHEREAS, Rumsfeld has mismanaged the military response in Iraq by  
24 repeatedly rejecting the opinions and advice of top military advisors regarding the  
25 number of troops needed to secure Iraq, the level of violent opposition that would be  
26 met by U.S. troops and how long the war in Iraq may take; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Rumsfeld has failed to ensure that our troops have adequate  
29 protective gear for their mission; failed to develop an adequate post war plan; failed to  
30 provide necessary training, supervision, personnel and guidelines for management of  
31 prisoners of war; failed to address the readiness of U.S. ground forces, particularly the  
32 U.S. Army, whose preparedness for war has eroded to levels not witnessed by our  
33 country in decades and hindering the United States ability to respond to other threats to  
34 national security; and  
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36 WHEREAS, even with 140,000+ troops in Iraq, key measures of success  
37 have not been met and are in fact worsening. The number of violent incidents has  
38 increased from 400 per week prior to the establishment of an interim Iraqi government  
39 in the spring of 2004 to almost 800 per week this year; and  
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41 WHEREAS, the United States can not sustain the current operational  
42 tempo in Iraq, a large percentage of US troops having already served more than three  
43 tours; and  
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45 WHEREAS, in 2005, 4000 members of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat  
46 Team stationed at Fort Wainwright Army Post were deployed to Iraq; and  
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48 WHEREAS, after serving a year in combat, the soldiers of the 172<sup>nd</sup>  
49 Stryker Brigade readied to come home to their families. Some arrived home in late  
50 June while others prepared to leave Iraq and be home in late August; and  
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52 WHEREAS, just after the second wave of soldiers had returned to  
53 Fairbanks, Army officials announced Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld had  
54 approved an extension of the Brigade and that nearly all of the Brigade members would  
55 be redirected back to Iraq to serve in Baghdad to help suppress increasing violence  
56 there and the almost 400 members who had already returned home would have to  
57 ready themselves to return; and  
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59 WHEREAS, since the announcement of the extension soldiers from the  
60 172<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade have been killed; and  
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62 WHEREAS, the responsibility for the war's execution rests squarely on  
63 Donald Rumsfeld and the cost of his mistakes are significant.  
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65 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the  
66 Fairbanks North Star Borough commends each member of the 172 Stryker Brigade and  
67 their families for the service and sacrifice they continue to make to their country.  
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Fairbanks North  
70 Star Borough believes that credibility both at home and abroad must be restored and  
71 the first step towards this is in the immediate resignation of Secretary of Defense  
72 Donald H. Rumsfeld.  
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be sent to  
75 the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States and the Alaska  
76 Congressional Delegation.  
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78 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.  
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80 (DEFEATED)  
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83 Luke Hopkins  
84 Presiding Officer

85 ATTEST:

86 (DEFEATED)  
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89 Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC  
90 Municipal Borough Clerk  
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92 Ayes: Bartos, Sattley, Therrien, Hopkins  
93 Noes: Rex, Beck, Hargesheimer  
94 Excused: Foote & Frank  
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