

Resolution to pass the Common Sense Budget Act

H. R. 4898

Introduced into the House of Representatives
by Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. GRIJALVA,
Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. NADLER, Mr.
MCDERMOTT, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CLAY,
Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas,
Mr. STARK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. MCKINNEY)

WHEREAS, City believes its citizens can benefit from the reallocation of funds towards sensible priorities, (such as children's health care, expanded job training, energy efficiency and other purposes) and

WHEREAS, the current allocation of federal funding is such that the Pentagon receives 53% of the discretionary U.S. Budget (approximately \$463,000,000,000), while education, training, employment and social services combined with health services receive only a total of \$130,000,000,000; and

WHEREAS, about \$60 Billion of the Pentagon's spending is used for obsolete and unnecessary Cold War Era weaponry designed to fight a threat with the Soviet Union that no longer exists, and

WHEREAS, with the end of the Cold War, it was hoped by many in our nation that the arms race would come to a halt, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is spending billions of dollars to put weapons into space, ignoring White House policy regarding arms control and nonproliferation pacts, and

WHEREAS, cutting \$60 Billion from the Pentagon budget, including the F-22 fighter aircraft program, the Ballistic Missile Defense program, space weapons programs, and others as recommended by military experts, would not affect or impede our soldiers' ability to do their jobs in Iraq and Afghanistan because the funding for the war comes from a separate supplemental fund, and would allow more funding from current threats such as for terrorism and homeland security

WHEREAS, with the \$60 Billion dollars we could:

- 1) provide health insurance to all our children who lack it,
- 2) rebuild America's crumbling public schools over twelve years,
- 3) retrain a quarter million workers,
- 4) cut our reliance on foreign oil in half over ten years,
- 5) increase funding for homeland security and medical research,
- 6) save millions of lives in impoverished nations, and
- 7) begin to reduce the deficit; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that City calls upon the members of the State Delegation to the United States Congress to vote in favor of the Common Sense Budget Act, H.R. 4898, which will take \$60 Billion wasted dollars from the Pentagon and use for sensible priorities, and

RESOLVED, that City calls upon members of the State Delegation to the United States Congress to, in the future, vote for any bills or amendments that address the needs of the people and limit the excessive spending of any governmental body, and

RESOLVED, that City is hereby authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the members of the (State) Delegation to the United States Congress, and Governor _____.