

Resolution Requesting that the United States Congress Commence Impeachment Procedures

Whereas, the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the people a right to petition the government for a redress of grievances; and,

Whereas, members of the _____[body]_____ and the United States Congress take an oath to support the Constitution; and,

Whereas, the United States Constitution provides a system of checks and balances that is designed to prevent the abuse of power by government and to preserve the power and freedom of the people; and,

Whereas, there is evidence in the public record that President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney may have abused their executive power by deliberately providing misleading information to Congress and the public about the threat from Iraq in order to induce Congress to approve the use of military force; and,

Whereas, there is evidence in the public record that President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney may have authorized and condoned the detention of prisoners without access to courts and the torture of those prisoners in violation of the "Federal Torture Act" Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C; and,

Whereas, there is evidence in the public record that President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney may have allowed the politicization of the Department of Justice and improperly obstructed Congressional oversight investigations related to this action; and,

Whereas, on December 17th, 2005, President George W. Bush publicly admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance and information gathering on American citizens in a manner that may have violated the Constitution's 4th Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures; and,

Whereas, the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives has the power to investigate these, or any other charges of Executive misconduct, for which there is sufficient cause; and,

Whereas, the United States Congress has the sole power to determine guilt or innocence, and whether these crimes rise to the level of High Crimes and Misdemeanors, through the Constitutional process of impeachment and a subsequent trial; and,

Whereas, future Presidents will effectively inherit any expanded powers of the current Presidency unless those powers are removed by the process of impeachment before leaving office; now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the _____[body]_____ hereby requests that the United States House of Representatives investigate these charges, using the greater power that an impeachment investigation provides, and if their findings so warrant, proceed with the impeachment of President George Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney; and,

That a copy of this resolution with the original authorizing signature of the Secretary of the State of _____[state]_____ be sent to the Office of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and that copies of the signed resolution be sent to each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.