

Reps. Taub, Brandenburg, Farhat, Garfield, LaJoy, Drolet, Voorhees, Pappageorge, Amos, Hoogendyk, Hager, Acciavatti, Howell, Moolenaar, Hune, Wenke, Sheen, Nofs, Vander Veen, Pastor, Rocca, Milosch, Bradstreet, Caul, Middaugh, Newell, Meyer, Julian, DeRossett, Shaffer and Ehardt offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 45.

A resolution to express opposition to the expenditure of public money on any project or contract that sends funds to a country not supporting our country's efforts in Iraq and the fight against terrorism.

Whereas, Since the nightmare of September 11th awakened our nation to the level of threats we face as a free people, the United States has channeled its energies in many different ways. In addition to the greater vigilance of homeland security efforts and increased public participation with local authorities to prevent attacks, our nation has joined with other countries to attempt to bring freedom and stability to the people of Iraq; and

Whereas, The monumental task of dealing with terrorism, whether in our home communities or in the mountains of Afghanistan, requires a unified effort. On the international front, the work of the coalition liberating Iraq has attained remarkable success in a very short time in spite of considerable opposition from a small number of nations previously thought of as key partners in the war on terrorism; and

Whereas, Opposition to the work being carried out by the United States and its allies makes the task before us that much more difficult. The work of rebuilding Iraq and bringing stability to the Middle East and other parts of the world would benefit enormously from the broadest possible support and shared commitment from all free nations. Doing business with nations that oppose our efforts sends an inaccurate message. The people of the United States clearly do not want to see their tax dollars used to benefit countries that oppose the work we are doing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express opposition to the expenditure of public money on any project or contract that sends funds to a country not supporting our country's efforts in Iraq and the fight against terrorism. We urge all public entities in Michigan to examine their policies in this area.