

Rep. Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 274.

A resolution to memorialize Congress and the President of the United States to expedite the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq and to redirect resources to the protection of the country and our national economy.

Whereas, The ongoing war in Iraq is taking a significant toll on our country. In addition to the immeasurable loss of nearly 4,000 American lives, thousands more grave injuries, and hundreds of thousand Iraqi civilian deaths, this war has cost the country hundreds of billions of dollars in direct spending and far more indirectly; and

Whereas, The war in Iraq, which has lasted longer than America's involvement in World War II, is still being waged, even as the reasons we went to war have proven invalid and even as the stability we need in this critical region seems more remote than it was before our military involvement. Initial estimates of the war's total costs and original projections of what would take place politically have proven wildly inaccurate; and

Whereas, A great nation must exercise leadership based on clear thinking and a commitment to a better future. Continuing the misdirection of our resources in the face of the genuine needs confronting the country is harmful. America's security and safety needs, as well as the economic realities we face, demand that we withdraw our troops from Iraq as quickly as possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress and the President of the United States to expedite the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq and to redirect resources to the protection of the country and our national economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.