

RESOLUTION

Category: Human Rights/Social Welfare

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Title: A Resolution Calling for the Congress "To establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties."

Adopted by: Leelanau County Democratic Party,

WHEREAS: Congressman John Conyers, Jr. [MI-14] has introduced a Resolution in this Congress, H. Res. 104, to establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties "Which Establishes the National Commission on Presidential War Powers and Civil Liberties to investigate, and report to the President and Congress on, the broad range of policies of the Bush Administration that were undertaken under claims of unreviewable war powers", with full powers of subpoena, and

WHEREAS: the Congress should continue to pursue its document requests and subpoenas to make clear that no executive can forever hide its misdeeds from the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Congress should create a National Commission as introduced by Rep. Conyers to investigate a host of previously unreviewable activities of the Bush administration, including its detention, interrogation and surveillance programs. As Rep. Conyers said: "Only by chronicling and confronting the past in a comprehensive, bipartisan fashion can we reclaim our moral authority and establish a credible path forward to meet the complex challenges of a post-Sept. 11 world." As Rep. Conyers notes: "There is no avoiding the responsibility we all bear for what has been done, and for what we choose to do next... The responsible way forward requires us to look back as we go."

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT The Michigan Democratic Party commends the Honorable John Conyers, Jr. for his long and highly valued service to the Nation in his steadfast defense of the Constitution of the United States and his leadership of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT this resolution be forwarded to the State Democratic Party with a recommendation for its acceptance and placement in the appropriate document or with the appropriate committee for action.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: _____ DATE _____