



RESOLUTION

Stay the Course in Afghanistan

WHEREAS, the United States, following the attacks on America and its citizens on September 11, 2001, committed itself to locating and destroying the terrorist individuals and groups that perpetrated the attacks, and to replacing the government that supported and facilitated the attacks; and

WHEREAS, leaders and elements of the ousted former government and of the terrorist elements still remain in hiding and able to function; and

WHEREAS, the new Government of Afghanistan still remains unable to exercise its authority over the tribal-dominated and lawless majority of the country; and

WHEREAS, the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan remains uncontrolled by governmental authority on either side, providing areas from which terrorist organizations are able to launch attacks on Afghan and coalition forces; and

WHEREAS, foreign governments in Russia and Iran appear intent upon obstructing American counterterrorism efforts in the area, in order to increase their own influence; and

WHEREAS, leaving without completing the tasks we have set ourselves in support of America's vital national interests would be viewed internationally as a clear defeat for our military and political efforts, and would discourage future reliance upon American assurances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Military Order of the World Wars, at its Midwinter General Staff Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, February 1-15, 2009, urges the President and the Congress to stay the course in Afghanistan, to increase the combat force levels to those necessary for success, and to develop secure resupply routes that do not depend upon the changing political or economic fortunes or inclinations of neighboring countries.