



**Resolution of the Oregon Republican Party
Condemning Unpatriotic Remarks
Concerning Our Troops**

WHEREAS on May 5, 2004, Senator Kennedy (D) of Massachusetts accused our troops of torturing prisoners in the same manner as Saddam Hussein, stating: “Shamefully, we now learn that Saddam’s torture chambers reopened under new management,”; and

WHEREAS on June 14, 2005, Senator Durbin (D) of Illinois compared our troops to Nazis and genocidal maniacs, stating: “If I didn’t tell you that it was an FBI agent describing what Americans had done to prisoners in their control, you would most certainly believe this must have been done by Nazis, Soviets in their Gulags, or some mad regime, Pol Pot, or others that had no concern for human beings. Sadly that is not the case. This was the action of Americans in their treatment of their prisoners,”; and

WHEREAS on December 4, 2005, Senator Kerry (D) of Massachusetts alleged that our troops were terrorizing Iraqi civilians, stating “There is no reason, Bob, that young American soldiers need to be going into the homes of Iraqis in the dead of night terrorizing kids and children, women...,”; and

WHEREAS In October, 2006, Senator Kerry (D) of Massachusetts suggested that our troops were lazy and stupid, stating: “You know education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework, and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don’t you get stuck in Iraq,”; and

WHEREAS on August 13, 2007, Senator Obama (D) of Illinois accused our troops of reckless disregard for civilian life, stating: “We’ve got to get the job done there and that requires us to have enough troops so that we’re not just air-raiding villages and killing civilians, which is causing enormous problems there,”; and

WHEREAS on September 5, 2007, Senator Schumer (D) of New York denigrated our troops as being inept and useless, stating: “And let me be clear, the violence in Anbar has gone down despite the surge, not because of the surge. The inability of American soldiers to protect those tribes from Al Qaeda said to those tribes we have to fight Al Qaeda ourselves,”; and

WHEREAS on several occasions Senator Reid (D) of Nevada has suggested that our troops are utter failures, stating, notwithstanding extant evidence to the contrary that “the war is lost,”; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved the Oregon Republican Party requests of the Senate of the United States and its individual members that they,

(1) Shall refrain from suggesting, without warrant, that our troops are murderers, liars, torturers, idiots, losers, and traitors

(2) Shall refrain, whenever possible, from making public statements about the troops, their mission or our country that are indistinguishable from statements made by Osama Bin Laden, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad or others who have vowed to destroy the United States of America

(3) Shall refrain from introducing legislation that would impede or impair the ability of our troops to defeat our enemies or that exceeds the powers granted to Congress under Article I Section 8 of the Constitution

(4) Shall assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in expediting an investigation into the scores of reported incidents involving “phony soldiers,” including, but not limited to, those cases where individuals have made false claims about their military service in order to obtain benefits to which they are not entitled; as well as cases in which individuals have lied about the nature of their military service for the purpose of portraying our troops in a false and unflattering light, thereby undermining their mission and the public’s support there of.

(5) Shall conduct business in a manner calculated to best improve the probabilities of victory in the War on Terror so that our troops may return home quickly to the honors they deserve from a nation made secure by their service.

Adopted by the Oregon Republican Party on the 4th Day of October, 2007, in the city of Portland, Oregon.

Signed VANCE D. DAY
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