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## Resolution Commending ILWU Local Unions

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Whereas, on May 19th, 2007 a community and labor group, the Port Action Committee, picketed the Stevedoring Services of America (SSA) terminal in Oakland because of SSA's continuing role as a war profiteer in the Iraq War; and

Whereas, members of ILWU Locals 10, 34 and 91 refused to cross the picket line, citing not only the ILWU's official position against the war, but also the fact that on April 7, 2003 the Oakland police had opened fire on a similar antiwar picket with so-called "less than lethal" weapons seriously injuring 9 longshoremen who were standing by and scores of others; and

Whereas, Oakland Mayor Dellums issued a statement to the Port Action Coalition, saying in part that "it is my honor to join with you in calling for an end to this war;" and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of the American people oppose the ongoing war in Iraq; and

Whereas, the US Congress has abdicated its responsibility to their constituents by continuing the funding for this illegal war; and

Whereas, this action, putting a severe financial burden on war profiteers by joint labor and community action at the point of production and distribution, shows the way forward for a strategy to end this war,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council commend the ILWU locals and their members for taking this action and respecting the Port Action Committee's picket.

Submitted by Robert Irminger, IBU/ILWU, and adopted unanimously by the San Francisco Labor Council on June 11, 2007.

Respectfully,

Tim Paulson  
Executive Director

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