

Railroad Workers United Resolution on the Iraq War

Whereas, the war in Iraq has cost the U.S. economy upwards of a half a trillion dollars in the last 5 years; and

Whereas; this enormous sum could have been much better spent here at home creating good union scale jobs, providing national health care to all Americans, developing a the country's infrastructure including rail freight and passenger; and

Whereas, the war has resulted in thousands of U.S. casualties and tens of thousands wounded and scarred for life; and

Whereas, the cost of this war has been primarily borne by working Americans, including numerous railroad workers and their families;

Whereas, numerous unions and labor federations across the U.S. – including the AFL-CIO -- and around the world have called for an end to the Iraq war; and

Whereas, the International Long shore and Warehouseman's Union (ILWU) has called for a one day general strike of west coast ports to protest the continuing war and express working peoples' opposition to this ongoing tragedy;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Railroad Workers United (RWU) at its Founding Convention in Dearborn, Michigan, April 11, 2008 calls for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq; and

Be in Further Resolved that RWU encourage railroad workers across North America to voice their opposition to the war and encourage their unions to do the same; and

Be it Finally Resolved that RWU mail a copy of this resolution to the leadership of the ILWU.

The above Resolution was adopted by those members assembled at the RWU Convention, April 11, 2008.