

RESOLUTION NO. 7172-R2

RESOLUTION TO URGE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO ADOPT THE VIETNAM DISENGAGEMENT ACT OF 1971

WHEREAS, four months ago only 55% of the American people favored withdrawal from Vietnam, but in January, 1971, according to the Gallup Poll, 73% of the people wanted their Congressman to vote for the proposal to bring all U. S. troops home from Vietnam before the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, public opinion is now adding considerable force to all the reasons why the war should be ended; and

WHEREAS, the Pentagon has spent 150 billion dollars in Vietnam in the past ten years, and consequently money is scarce for these critical needs in Urbana:

1. Provision of quality housing at reasonable cost
2. Economic opportunity for the poor
3. A higher level of employment
4. Creation of the mass transit system, and
5. Abatement of pollution in the Boneyard Creek due to inadequate, deteriorated sanitary and storm sewer systems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF URBANA, ILLINOIS,

THAT:

1. The City Council requests the Congress of the United States to pass the Vietnam Disengagement Act of 1971. The Disengagement Act reads as follows:

Congress finds and declares that under the Constitution of the United States the President and the Congress share responsibility for establishing, defining the authority for and concluding foreign military commitments; that the repeal of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution raises new uncertainties about the source of authority for American involvement in Vietnam; that both the domestic and foreign policy interests of the United States require an expeditious end of the war in Vietnam; that the conflict can best be resolved through a political settlement among the parties concerned; that in light of all considerations, the solution which offers the greatest safety, the highest measure of honor, the best likelihood for the return of United States prisoners and the most meaningful opportunity for a political settlement would be the establishment of a date certain for the orderly withdrawal of all United States armed forces from Vietnam.

Chapter 1 of part III of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"Sec. 620(a) In accordance with public statements of policy by the President, no funds authorized to be appropriated under this or any other Act may be obligated or expended to maintain a troop level of more than two hundred and eight-four thousand armed forces of the United States in Vietnam after May 1, 1971.

(b) After May 1, 1971, funds authorized or appropriated under this or any other Act may be expended in connection with activities of American armed forces in and over Vietnam only to accomplish the following objectives:

(1) To bring about the orderly termination of military operations there and the safe and systematic withdrawal of remaining American armed forces by December 31, 1971;

(2) To insure the release of prisoners of war;

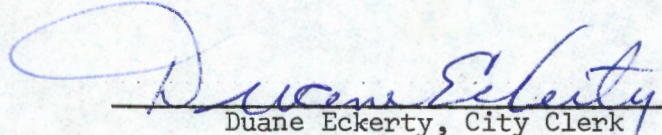
(3) To arrange asylum or other means to assure the safety of South Vietnamese who might be physically endangered by withdrawal of American forces; and

(4) To provide assistance to the Republic of Vietnam consistent with the foregoing objectives."

2. The City Council further requests that the Mayor of the City of Urbana send a copy of this resolution to:

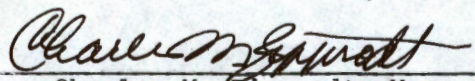
- The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
- The Honorable Charles Percy
- The Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson III
- The Honorable William Springer

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, this 3rd day of May, A. D., 1971.



Duane Eckerty, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Urbana, this 4th day of May, A. D., 1971.



Charles M. Zippodt, Mayor

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