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June 28, 2007

Representative Mike Thompson  
United States Congressman  
First District of California  
District Office  
317 Third Street Suite 1  
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Representative Thompson:

On behalf of the City of Arcata, I am writing to inform you that the City Council has endorsed the creation of a Department of Peace as set forth in HR808. The Council would like to see proactive steps taken to build peace locally, nationally, and internationally. Arcata joins the following cities that have also endorsed this legislation, eight of which are in California:

Chicago, IL	Cleveland, OH	Detroit, MI
Everett, MA	Gainesville, FL	Hamtramck, MI
Kauai (County), HI	Lincoln City, OR	Minneapolis, MN
Newark, NJ	Oakland, CA	Palo Alto, CA
San Francisco, CA	San Jose, CA	Santa Cruz, CA
Sebastopol, CA	Silver City, NM	

A Department of Peace will work to provide much needed assistance to efforts by city, county, and state government in coordinating existing non-violence and violence-prevention programs, as well as develop new programs based on national best practices. A Department of Peace will teach violence prevention and mediation to America's school children and work to effectively treat and dismantle gang psychology.

A Department of Peace will work on building peace across conflicting cultures, both here and abroad, and support our military with complementary approaches to peacebuilding. The Department of Peace will create and administer a U.S. Peace Academy, acting as a sister organization to the U.S. Military Academy.

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Violence on all levels must be addressed, whether locally or internationally. A Department of Peace will assist communities in preventing and stopping violence as well as educating and advising the President and her/his cabinet on international peacebuilding and negotiation. Unilateral military action has not served to make our communities safer from violence. We must take more proactive steps toward peace. Please support HR808 and the creation of a Department of Peace.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Harmony Groves, Mayor  
City of Arcata

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July 3, 2007

Arcata, California

### MINUTE ORDER

The following is a certified copy of a portion of the proceedings of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata held on June 20, 2007:

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR—F. Authorize Mayor to Send Letter in Support of Legislation to Create a U.S. Department of Peace.**

**ON MOTION BY MACHI, SECONDED BY STILLMAN, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED. AYES: GROVES, WHEETLEY, MACHI, PITINO, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

### Clerk's Certificate

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a portion of the proceedings of the City Council held in the City of Arcata, State of California, County of Humboldt, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

  
Deputy City Clerk, City of Arcata