

Fair Wages

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3 **WHEREAS**, the federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour, meaning that thousands of
4 hard working Americans are struggling to survive on less than \$11,000 of income
5 per year, about half of what is needed to lift a family of four above the poverty line;
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8 **WHEREAS**, Congress has not raised the minimum wage since 1997, and in the
9 meantime prices have risen so much that the minimum wage buys far less than it
10 did at that time; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, Congress has raised their own pay seven times, for a total raise of
13 \$28,000 since they last increased the minimum wage; and,

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15 **WHEREAS**, Legislation known as the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2005 has been
16 introduced in Congress to raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, enough to pay
17 a full time worker \$15,080 a year; and,

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Education and Workforce Committee of the House of
20 Representatives has refused to schedule a vote or even hold a hearing, regardless of
21 124 cosponsors in the House and 35 in the Senate, where it is also buried in
22 committee; and,

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24 **WHEREAS**, this inaction leaves nearly 10 million children in households where
25 poverty is the norm, resulting in inadequate nutrition, medical attention, and sub
26 standard housing;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

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30 (1) the Congressional delegation of the State of Washington shall be called upon by
31 the people to exert all necessary powers of their offices to bring the Fair Minimum
32 Wage Act of 2005 out of committee and to the floor for a vote; and,

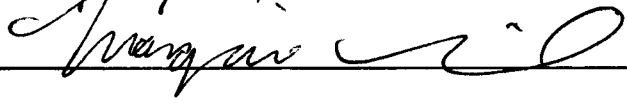
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34 (2) the Washington State Legislature shall enact fair wages in the amount of at least
35 \$7.25 an hour as the minimum wage for all workers in the state and shall do so,
36 recognizing that many of it's citizen's are living below the poverty line, with all due
37 haste.

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