

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 499

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ October 16, 2005

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States demand hearings in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States regarding the source of the record gas price increase over the last six months, whether any of the multi-national oil companies are guilty of price-gouging the American public and if a criminal investigation is warranted.

IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 6 2005
READ AND PASSED

Balbirna A. Young
PRES. PRO TEMPORE
Claire E. Bestwick
Acting CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:

Claire E. Bestwick
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Acting City Clerk

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TOWN OF COVENTRY
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September 27, 2005

The Honorable Providence City Council
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Honorable Council members:

At a meeting of the Coventry Town Council on September 12, 2005, the enclosed resolutions were adopted.

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Very truly yours,

Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

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TOWN OF COVENTRY
RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL

NO. 92-05-2502

TO: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, Oil Companies reported record profits in 2004, including:

- (a) Texas-based Exxon Mobil, which earned a record \$25+ Billion Dollar profit (after all expenses) in 2004, that's \$1,000 PROFIT for each of our 250 million Americans (men, women and children) alive today; and
- (b) Shell Oil, which reported a \$17+ Billion Dollar profit (\$680 for each American); and
- (c) British Petroleum (BP), which earned a \$16+ Billion Dollar profit (\$640 for each American); and

WHEREAS, the records of Exxon, Shell and BP, show that their profits alone exceeded \$2,300 for EVERY man, woman and child living in the United States in 2004; and

WHEREAS, these profits were BEFORE the present obscene jump in gas prices which now has Americans paying over \$3.00 per gallon. Rising at one local RI station last week, as report in the *Providence Journal*, by 62 CENTS in ONE DAY; and

WHEREAS, the US Congress spent weeks of congressional time and untold millions of dollars investigating the possible use of steroids by a few baseball players; and

WHEREAS, this same Congress has not held one hearing on the record gas prices paid by working Americans and the record profits being gouged out of American pockets by the multi-national oil conglomerates.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Council for the Town of Coventry, RI formally requests the President of the United States to demand hearings in both the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, which will focus on:

- 1. The source of the record gas price increase in the U.S. over the last six months and whether any corporations or individuals should be referred to the US Attorney General and Justice Department for criminal investigation; and
- 2. The record profits of the multi-national oil companies and whether any of them are guilty of price-gouging a helpless American public.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2005.

APPROVED: _____

Council President

ATTEST: _____

Acting Town Clerk

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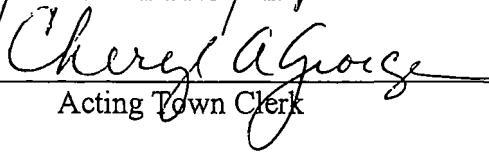
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