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Local Activists Bridge Peace on Highway 59

WHAT: Local activists will gather on the six suspension bridges of Highway 59 for freeway blogging and a candlelight vigil to mark the 4th anniversary of the illegal, immoral invasion and occupation of Iraq; to commemorate the resulting human and material sacrifices; and to call for an immediate withdrawal of United States troops and mercenaries.

WHO: The event is sponsored by a number of groups including the Harris County Green Party, the Progressive Action Alliance, CodePink, Veterans for Peace, Military Families Speak Out, the World Can't Wait, First Unitarian Community Involvement Committee, Houston Peace and Justice Center, and 90.1 KPFT Radio for Peace.

WHEN: 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2007

WHERE: Six Highway 59 bridges bounded on the west by Shepherd Street and on the east by Main Street, named north to south the Montrose, Graustark, Mandel, Dunlavy, Woodhead and Hazard Bridges.

BACKGROUND: Freeway blogging generally refers to the practice around the country of hanging banners and signs near major freeways and thoroughfares that protest the invasion/occupation and other Bush administration actions. The freeway blogging is practiced as an exercise of free speech in the form of guerilla advertising. The planted signs are photographed and subsequently posted on websites devoted to documenting the opposition to government actions. Since Houston ordinances prohibit fastening signs to public property, Houston freeway bloggers adapted to these ordinances by holding the signs on various bridges and overpasses, waving at the drivers below and encouraging drivers to honk in support of the sentiments expressed. Local freeway bloggers have noted a marked increase in support since the presidential election Nov. 7.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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