



State of Wisconsin
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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47**

September 14, 1999 - Offered by Representative SCHNEIDER.

1 **Relating to:** calling upon the U.S. Congress to investigate the attack on the U.S.S.
2 Liberty.

3 Whereas, on June 8, 1967, the U.S.S. Liberty, while operating in international
4 waters in the eastern Mediterranean, was assailed by Israeli aircraft and torpedo
5 boats; and

6 Whereas, this attack killed 34 members of the Liberty's crew and wounded 171
7 other United States personnel on board, in addition to causing extensive damage to
8 the ship; and

9 Whereas, the late George Ball, undersecretary of state in the Kennedy and
10 Johnson administrations, referred to these deaths as the "blatant murder of
11 American citizens"; and

12 Whereas, accountability for these deaths and injuries to our American soldiers
13 has never been established; and

1 Whereas, aircraft dispatched from aircraft carriers to aid the Liberty were
2 recalled and this complete lack of assistance to our U.S. troops resulted in 34 dead
3 and 171 wounded; and

4 Whereas, the U.S.S. Liberty’s disaster should have been thoroughly
5 investigated by Congress at that time; now, therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
7 legislature calls upon Congress to immediately investigate this tragic attack on the
8 U.S.S. Liberty by the armed forces of the State of Israel on June 8, 1967, in order to
9 determine accountability for the attack; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature urges Congress to determine why
11 aircraft dispatched to aid the Liberty were recalled and our servicemen and the ship
12 were not supported while under fire; and, be it further

13 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
14 resolution to each member of this state’s congressional delegation.

15 (END)