

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47

April 22, 1999 – Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

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 the target of an attack by Israel's war
5	planes and torpedo 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 blatant murders of American citizens has
13	never been established; and

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1	Whereas, aircraft dispatched from aircraft carriers to aid the Liberty were
2	recalled, in violation of United States military law, resulting in 25 of the 34 blatant
3	murders; and
4	Whereas, the U.S.S. Liberty's disaster is the only naval disaster that has never
5	been investigated by Congress; now, therefore, be it
6	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
7	legislature calls upon Congress to immediately investigate the "blatant murders of
8	American citizens" that were perpetrated by the armed forces of the State of Israel
9	on June 8, 1967, in order to determine culpability for those murders; and, be it
10	further
11	Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature urges Congress to determine why
12	aircraft dispatched to aid the Liberty were recalled in direct violation of U.S. military
13	law and custom; and, be it further
14	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
15	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.
16	(END)