

## **1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47**

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

1	<b>Relating to:</b> calling upon the U.S. Congress to investigate the attack on the U.S.S.
<b>2</b>	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	<b>Resolved, That</b> 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	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
15	resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.
16	(END)