

## **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. |
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| <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               |
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| 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)   |