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

Relating to: calling upon the U.S. Congress to investigate the attack on the U.S.S.
Liberty.
Whereas, on J une 8, 1967, the U.S.S. Liberty, while operating in international waters in the eastern Mediterranean, was the target of an attack by Israel's war planes and torpedo boats; and

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

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

Whereas, accountability for these blatant murders of American citizens has never been established; and

Whereas, aircraft dispatched from aircraft carriers to aid the Liberty were recalled, in violation of United States military law, resulting in 25 of the 34 blatant murders; and

Whereas, the U.S.S. Liberty's disaster is the only naval disaster that has never been investigated by Congress; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature calls upon Congress to immediately investigate the "blatant murders of American citizens" that were perpetrated by the armed forces of the State of Israel on J une 8, 1967, in order to determine culpability for those murders; and, be it further

Resol ved, That the Wisconsin legislature urges Congress to determine why aircraft dispatched to aid the Liberty were recalled in direct violation of U.S. military law and custom; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to each member of this state's congressional del egation.
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