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

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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.

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