## **2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44**

March 8, 2001 – Introduced by Representative Schneider, cosponsored by Senator Schultz. 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.
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 U.S.S. Liberty's crew and
7	wounded 171 other United States personnel on board, in addition to causing
8	extensive damage to the ship; and
9	Whereas, there continues to be controversy surrounding the attack such that
10	some sailors believe the attack was deliberate and others believe the attack was a
11	mistake by the Israeli military; and
12	Whereas, aircraft dispatched from aircraft carriers to aid the U.S.S. Liberty
13	were recalled, in violation of United States military law, resulting in 25 of the 34
14	deaths of American servicemen; and

Whereas, the sailors and their families should have closure of this tragic attack 1 2 and its aftermath; and 3 Whereas, the U.S.S. Liberty's disaster is the only naval disaster that has never 4 been fully investigated by Congress; now, therefore, be it 5 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin 6 legislature calls upon Congress to immediately investigate the attack on the U.S.S. 7 Liberty that was perpetrated by the armed forces of the State of Israel on June 8, 8 1967, in order to determine the truth behind the attack; and, be it further 9 **Resolved**, **That** the Wisconsin legislature urges Congress to determine why 10 aircraft dispatched to aid the U.S.S. Liberty were recalled in direct violation of U.S. 11 military law and custom; and, be it further 12 **Resolved**, **That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint 13 resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation. 14 (END)

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