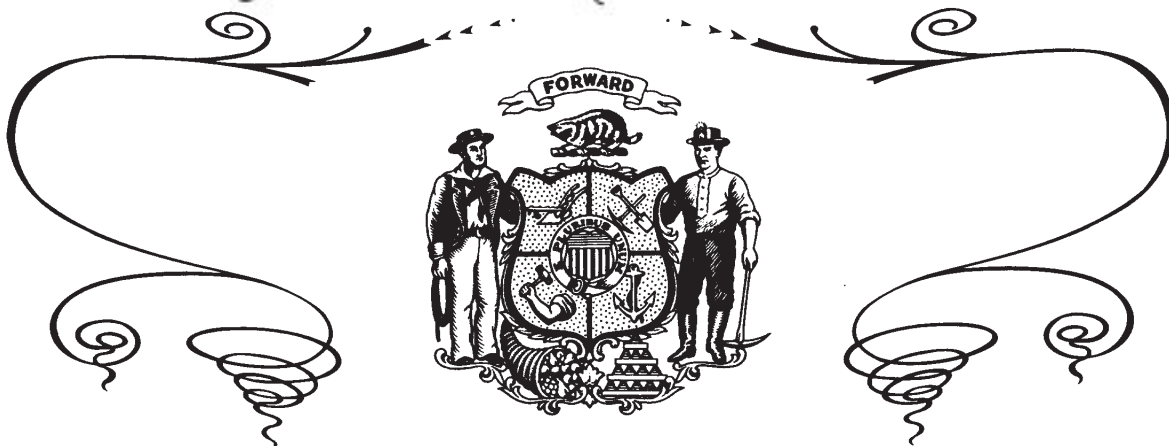


State of Wisconsin



2003 Senate Joint Resolution 24

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending the families and friends of those soldiers serving on active duty in the Middle East and praying for the prompt and safe return of their loved ones.

Whereas, Dictator Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq continues to pose a significant threat to United States interests; and

Whereas, Saddam Hussein, on multiple occasions, has demonstrated a willingness to use weapons of mass destruction, including conventional, chemical, nuclear, and ballistic missile programs against neighboring nations, the citizens of Iraq, and innocent civilians throughout the world; and

Whereas, Saddam Hussein's clandestine weapons programs threaten global peace and the United States interests in the Persian Gulf; and

Whereas, the elimination of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly among states that sponsor terrorism, has been the principal goal of the United Nations Security Council; and

Whereas, making concessions to rogue nations like Iraq, which is in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441, will not ensure any regional security but rather will continue the precarious imperilment of the international community; and

Whereas, military service requires great personal sacrifice for modest pay and long periods of being away from family, friends, and community; and troops in the Middle East will face harsh desert conditions; and

Whereas, those who enlist put their trust in the wisdom of our nation's leaders and know that they could, at any time, give their lives for their country; and

Whereas, approximately 2,300 members of the Wisconsin army and air national guard, constituting about 24% of the Wisconsin membership, have been called to active duty as the United States mobilizes for war against Iraq; and

Whereas, this represents the largest percentage of Wisconsin army and air national guard members that have been activated since 1961; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin expresses its support of the men and women of the United States armed forces for their courage to remove Saddam Hussein from power; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature commends the families and friends of those soldiers serving on active duty in the Middle East and prays for the prompt and safe return of their loved ones; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to each commanding officer of every military unit based in Wisconsin which has mobilized troops for military action in the Middle East.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk