

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(END)