

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

March 18, 2003 – Offered by Senator WELCH.

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

