

State of Misconsin 2001 - 2002 LEGISLATURE

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 | Relating to: calling upon the U.S. Congress to investigate the attack on the U.S.S. |
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| 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 |

| 1 | Whereas, the sailors and their families should have closure of this tragic attack |
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| 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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