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**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

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 the immediate family of each of the Wisconsin residents mobilized for  
24 military action in the Middle East.

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