

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 39

June 24, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

| 1 | Relating to: urging all state legislative houses to call upon the U.S. Congress to |
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| 2 | investigate the attack on the U.S.S. 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 |

Whereas, the sailors and their families should have closure of this tragic attack
 and its aftermath; and

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Whereas, the U.S.S. Liberty's disaster is the only naval disaster that has never
been fully investigated by Congress; now, therefore, be it

5 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin 6 legislature urges all state legislative houses to call upon Congress to immediately 7 investigate the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty that was perpetrated by the armed forces 8 of the State of Israel on June 8, 1967, in order to determine the truth behind the 9 attack; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature urges all state legislative houses to
 urge Congress to determine why aircraft dispatched to aid the U.S.S. Liberty were
 recalled in direct violation of U.S. military law and custom; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
 resolution to the presiding officer of each of the state legislative houses.

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