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deaths of American servicemen; and

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 99

January 12, 2010 - Introduced by Representative Schneider. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: calling upon the legislatures of the various states to investigate, and 1 2 to call on the U.S. Congress to investigate, the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty. 3 Whereas, on June 8, 1967, the U.S.S. Liberty, while operating in international waters in the eastern Mediterranean, was the target of an attack by Israel's war 4 planes and torpedo boats; and 5 6 Whereas, this attack killed 34 members of the U.S.S. Liberty's crew and wounded 171 other United States personnel on board, in addition to causing 7 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 were recalled, in violation of United States military law, resulting in 25 of the 34 13

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

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature calls upon the legislatures of the various states to immediately investigate, and to ask Congress to immediately investigate, the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty that was perpetrated by the armed forces of the State of Israel on June 8, 1967, in order to determine the truth behind the attack; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature urges the legislatures of the various states to determine, and to ask 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 house of a state legislature and to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

17 (END)