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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

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6 JOHNSON, PUTNEY, BRUNKHORST, LAMBERTI,
7 KETTERING, GASKILL, REHBERG, MCKIBBEN, and
8 SIEVERS

9 A Resolution to support the efforts of President
10 George W. Bush and the United States Armed Forces
11 to disarm Iraq.

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13 prospect of being the last casualty in a war he had
14 started and lost; and

15 WHEREAS, to spare himself, Saddam Hussein agreed to
16 eliminate all weapons of mass destruction from his
17 country's arsenal, but, for the next 12 years, he
18 instead pursued the acquisition and stockpiling of
19 chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons, even while
20 international weapons inspectors were in his country;
21 and

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23 Hussein from his pursuit of these weapons -- not
24 economic sanctions, not isolation from the civilized
25 world, and not even cruise missile strikes on his
26 military facilities; and

27 WHEREAS, the United Nations concluded that Saddam
28 Hussein had sufficient materials to produce more than
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30 death of millions of people by respiratory failure,

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3 materials have been destroyed; and

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7 accounted for and have not been shown by Saddam
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10 Saddam Hussein had upwards of 30,000 munitions capable
11 of delivering chemical agents, 16 of which were
12 discovered recently by inspectors, despite Iraq's
13 declaration denying the existence of those munitions,
14 and that Saddam Hussein has not accounted for the
15 remaining 29,984 of those prohibited munitions, and
16 has not produced evidence that they have been
17 destroyed; and

18 WHEREAS, three Iraqi defectors have stated that, in
19 the late 1990s, Iraq had several mobile biological
20 weapons laboratories, designed to produce germ warfare
21 agents and capable of being moved from place to place
22 to evade inspectors, the existence of which Saddam
23 Hussein has not disclosed and the destruction of which
24 he has not produced any evidence; and

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27 advanced nuclear weapons development program, had a
28 design for a nuclear weapon, and was working on five
29 different methods of enriching uranium for a bomb; the
30 British government has learned that Saddam Hussein

1 recently sought significant quantities of uranium from
2 Africa; and American intelligence sources report that
3 Saddam Hussein has attempted to purchase high-strength
4 aluminum tubes suitable for nuclear weapons
5 production, and that Saddam Hussein has not given a
6 credible explanation for these activities and
7 consequently has much to conceal; and

8 WHEREAS, intelligence sources have informed the
9 United States that thousands of Iraqi security
10 personnel are at work concealing documents and
11 materials from the United Nations inspectors,
12 sanitizing inspection sites, and monitoring the
13 inspectors themselves, and that Iraqi officials
14 accompany the inspectors in order to intimidate
15 witnesses; and

16 WHEREAS, this dictator who is assembling the
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18 on whole villages -- leaving thousands of his own
19 citizens dead, blind, or disfigured; and

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25 suffering of war have not; and

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24 defend the nation against those who seek to harm it,
25 but, out of concern for the safety of those who would
26 risk their lives, respectfully urges and requests the
27 President of the United States not to initiate a
28 preemptive, unilateral military strike against Iraq;
29 and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Senate
31 respectfully urges that if the United States does take
32 military action against the sovereign nation of Iraq
33 that it only be done with the official approval of the
34 United Nations Security Council as required under
35 international law; and

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Senate
37 respectfully urges that the United States and United
38 Nations Security Council have as one of their primary
39 objectives the introduction of democratic values and a
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41 of Iraq and its citizens."

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