

RESOLUTION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 8th DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2003.

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces, a total force comprised of active, National Guard, and Reserve personnel, are now undertaking courageous and determined operations against the forces of Saddam Hussein's regime; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners and the Citizens of Seminole County have the greatest pride in the members of the Armed Forces and strongly support them; and

WHEREAS. The Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (Public law 105-338) stated that it should be the policy of the United States to support efforts to remove the regime headed by Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq and to promote the emergence of a democratic government to replace that regime; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2002, the president signed into law House Joint Resolution 114 of the 107th Congress, the Authorization for Use of Military Force against Iraq Resolution of 1002 (Public Law 107-243), which provides congressional authorization for the use of military force against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Security Council, in Security Council Resolution 1441, adopted on November 8, 2002, voted unanimously that Iraq "...will face serious consequences as a result of its continued violations of its obligations to disarm" in accordance with all relevant United Nations resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Iraq remains in material breach of the relevant United Nations' resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the United States has assembled and deployed an allied military coalition to apply pressure on Saddam Hussein to comply with the relevant United Nations' resolutions; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2003, the President transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, the President's determination, consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force against Iraq Resolution of 1001 (Public Law 107-243), that reliance by the United States on further diplomatic and other peaceful means alone will neither adequately protect the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq nor likely lead to enforcement of all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq, and the President's use of military force against international terrorists and terrorist organizations, including those nations, organizations, or persons who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of March 17, 2003, the president of the United States issued Saddam Hussein and his sons a final ultimatum to leave Iraq within 48 hours or face United States military intervention; and

WHEREAS, when Saddam Hussein failed to comply, the President ordered United States Armed Forces to commence military operations against the forces of Saddam Hussein during the evening of March 19, 2003, under the code name of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in order to liberate Iraq, remove Saddam Hussein from power, and neutralize Iraq's weapons of mass destruction; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces and allied forces are performing their missions with great courage and distinction in carrying out air, land, and sea attacks against Iraqi military targets; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Armed Forces to successfully perform their mission requires the support of the nation, community, and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, expresses the unequivocal support and appreciation of the Nation to the President, as Commander-in-Chief for his firm leadership and decisive action in the conduct of military operations in Iraq as part of the on-going Global War on Terrorism; to the members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, who are carrying out their missions with excellence, patriotism, and bravery; and to the families of the United States military personnel serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, who are providing support and prayers for their loved ones currently engaged in military operations in Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Seminole County, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to a member of the U. S. Armed Forces, with our prayers to all the U. S. Armed Forces for a safe and victorious return home.

ATTEST:

Maryanne Morse, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
in and for the County of Seminole,
State of Florida

Daryl G. McLain, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Date: _____

Grant Maloy, Vice Chairman

Carlton D. Henley, Commissioner

Randall C. Morris, Commissioner

Dick Van Der Weide, Commissioner