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March 19, 2003

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-209, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert:

On March 18, 2003, the Michigan State Senate adopted Senate Resolution No. 37, expressing support for the President's strategy for protecting the security of the United States through our efforts in Iraq and to express support for our men and women in uniform and their families.

In compliance with the provisions contained therein, I am forwarding to you a copy of the above resolution.

Sincerely,

Carol Morey Viventi, J.D.  
Secretary of the Senate

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## MICHIGAN SENATE

### Senate Resolution No. 37

Offered by Senators Cropsey, Garcia, Patterson, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Hammerstrom, Goschka, Cassis, Kuipers, Bishop, Birkholz, Jelinek, George, Brown, Allen, Sikkema, Hardiman, McManus, Toy, Barcia, Sanborn and Olshove

#### A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGY FOR PROTECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH OUR EFFORTS IN IRAQ AND TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, While our nation has faced a wide range of threats to our freedom over the years, the unique war on terrorism in which we now find ourselves engaged demands an exceptional commitment. From our leaders and our military to our citizens and state and local governments, we all must work together to increase the security of our homeland. In the aftermath of September 11th, our country must deal with the entire range of terrorist threats before us; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing preparations for a military action to deal with threats from Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction are a direct and necessary response for the United States and our allies. As the world learns more about the links between the reign of hatred of Saddam Hussein and international terrorist organizations, including those affiliated with Osama bin Laden, the gravity of the world's situation has become increasingly clear. The smokescreen of misinformation that has hampered United Nations efforts in Iraq must not be permitted to jeopardize the homeland security of our nation or the stability of other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, A number of Michigan citizen soldiers are engaged in the noble effort to defend our liberties. In addition to those already serving in the military, several reserve units have been called into duty. It is important to voice our support for all of them, as their courage and steadfastness in the face of war represents the highest standard of citizenship. For the families with loved ones in the military, the world's tensions take on much more intensity. Once again, we are reminded that the true cost of freedom is clearly beyond measure; and

WHEREAS, Unity in the face of adversity is essential for success in any grave battle. The people of this state, well aware of the high stakes of any military action, stand behind our President in his work to protect peace in our troubled world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That we express support for the President's strategy for protecting the security of the United States through our efforts in Iraq and to express support for the men and women of our military and their families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the Senate, March 18, 2003.

