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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed the United Nations and presented surveillance photographs and audio intercepts pointing to Iraq's continued weapons of mass destruction capabilities, as well as allegations of a Baghdad - al Qaeda link; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2003, after the United States and its coalition partners had "exhausted all reasonable efforts" to avoid military conflict, President of the United States George W. Bush made one last effort to avoid military conflict by giving Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein, 48 hours to go into exile or face a U.S. invasion; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2003, after President Bush's ultimatum expired, the United States launched "Operation Iraqi Freedom" with its first strikes against Iraq; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Rockingham County have family, friends and neighbors who are members of the Armed Forces of the United States and are presently stationed in the Middle East;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors, acting on behalf of the citizens of Rockingham County, Virginia, does hereby recognize the sacrifices being made by our citizens to protect the cause of freedom throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors pledges support to our troops in the Middle East and their families, and to those men and women serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world who are providing assistance to our troops in the Middle East; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all people to meet this global challenge and stand together in countries, states, cities, counties, towns and villages around the world in united support of the men and women stationed in the Middle East.

Given under our hand this twenty-sixth day of March
in the year two thousand three, A.D.

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

April 8, 2003

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The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
H232 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I write to you on behalf of the Rockingham County, Virginia Board of Supervisors. Enclosed please find a resolution signed by the Supervisors expressing their support, and the support of the citizens of Rockingham County, for "Operation Iraqi Freedom" and for our troops fighting to liberate Iraq from Saddam Hussein's regime.

The Rockingham County Supervisors, in their roles as the county government, have provided this resolution to show unity in helping pursue freedom for the Iraqi people and the elimination of Saddam Hussein as a threat to international security. I commend the Supervisors and the citizens of Rockingham County for their public support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

Thank you for your attention in this matter. When I may be of assistance, do not hesitate to call upon me.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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