

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representatives Stargel, Seiler, and Gelber offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

(1) Commends and supports the efforts and leadership of the President, as commander in chief, in the conflict against Iraq;

(2) Commends, and expresses the gratitude of the nation to all members of the United States Armed Forces (whether on active duty, in the National Guard, or in the reserves) and the civilian employees who support their efforts, as well as the men and women of civilian national security agencies who are participating in the military operations in the Persian Gulf region, for their professional excellence, dedicated patriotism, and exemplary bravery;

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27 (3) Commends and expresses the gratitude of the state and
28 nation to the family members of soldiers, sailors, airmen,
29 Marines, and civilians serving in operations against Iraq who
30 have borne the burden of sacrifice and separation from their
31 loved ones;

32 (4) Expresses its deep condolences to the families of
33 brave Americans who have lost their lives in this noble
34 undertaking, over many years, against Iraq;

35 (5) Joins all Americans in remembering those who lost
36 their lives during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert
37 Storm in 1991, those still missing from that conflict, including
38 Captain Scott Speicher, USN, and the thousands of Americans who
39 have lost their lives in terrorist attacks over the years, and
40 in the global war on terrorism; and

41 (6) Expresses sincere gratitude to British Prime Minister
42 Tony Blair and his government for their courageous and steadfast
43 support, as well as gratitude to other allied nations for their
44 military support, logistical support, and other assistance in
45 the campaign against Saddam Hussein's regime.

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48 Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:

49 House Resolution

50 A resolution in support of the use of United States Armed
51 Forces against Iraq.

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53 WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein has failed to comply with the
54 United Nations Security Council Resolutions 678, 686, 687, 688,

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55 707, 715, 949, 1051, 1060, 1115, 1134, 1137, 1154, 1194, 1205,
56 1284, and 1441, and

57 WHEREAS, the military action now underway against Iraq is
58 lawful and fully authorized by the Congress in Sec. 3(a) of
59 Public Law 107-243, which passed the U.S. Senate on Oct. 10,
60 2002, by a vote of 77-23, and which passed the House of
61 Representatives on that same date by a vote of 296-133, and

62 WHEREAS, more than 225,000 men and women of the United
63 States Armed Forces are now involved in conflict against Iraq,
64 and

65 WHEREAS, over 200,000 members of the reserves and National
66 Guard have been called to active duty for the conflict against
67 Iraq and other purposes, and

68 WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature and the American people
69 have the greatest pride in the men and women of the United
70 States Armed Forces, and the civilian personnel supporting them,
71 and strongly support them in their efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,