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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 EXPRESSING UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO THOSE CITIZENS
10 OF ARKANSAS WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
11 UNITED STATES: THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE
12 CORPS, COAST GUARD, ARMY AND AIR FORCE NATIONAL
13 GUARD, AND THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND MARINE
14 CORPS RESERVES; COMMENDING ALL ARKANSANS WHO ARE
15 INVOLVED IN OPERATION "IRAQI FREEDOM"; SUPPORTING
16 OUR NATION'S RESOLVE TO LIBERATE THE PEOPLE OF
17 IRAQ FROM THE TYRANNICAL RULE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN;
18 AND HONORING PRESIDENT BUSH'S LEADERSHIP IN HIS
19 EFFORT TO PROTECT THE UNITED STATES FROM SADDAM
20 HUSSEIN.

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26 OPERATION "IRAQI FREEDOM"; AND HONORING
27 PRESIDENT BUSH'S LEADERSHIP IN HIS
28 EFFORT TO PROTECT THE UNITED STATES.

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31 WHEREAS, two hundred twenty-six years ago, the signers of the
32 Declaration of Independence declared that "all men are created equal, endowed
33 by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among those are life,
34 liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; and

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36 WHEREAS, throughout the course of American history, courageous men and



1 women of the great State of Arkansas have taken up arms to secure, defend,
2 and uphold the freedoms of our Nation and to keep America strong; and

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4 WHEREAS, our service men and women are currently serving at home and
5 abroad during America's War on Terrorism; and

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7 WHEREAS, they place life and limb on the altar of freedom while serving
8 the noblest ideals as described in the words of a great Military Leader and
9 fellow Arkansan, General Douglas MacArthur of "Duty, Honor, And Country"; and

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11 WHEREAS, many Arkansans serve their country in the armed forces; and

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13 WHEREAS, many men and women from our state who serve in the National
14 Guard or reserves have been deployed in recent months; and

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16 WHEREAS, thousands of Arkansas' citizen-soldiers have been activated as
17 members of the Arkansas Army and Air National Guard, and the Army, Air Force,
18 Navy and Marine Reserves; and

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20 WHEREAS, these citizen-soldiers, in addition to the active duty
21 personnel located at Little Rock Air Force Base, and other Arkansans who are
22 members of the United States Armed Forces serving world-wide, have been
23 either sent to the Persian Gulf area, or are supporting our forces there due
24 to the massive mobilization of United States and Allied forces sent to
25 liberate the people of Iraq from the tyrannical rule of Saddam Hussein; and

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27 WHEREAS, all Arkansans who have answered our Nation's call to service
28 in operation "IRAQI FREEDOM" are to be commended for their faithful and
29 dedicated service to our country, to freedom, and to the liberation of the
30 people of Iraq; and

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32 WHEREAS, the dictatorship of Iraq has continued to develop weapons of
33 mass destruction in violation of the United Nations Security Council
34 Resolution 1441; and

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36 WHEREAS, the dictator of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, has demonstrated a

1 willingness to use weapons of mass destruction against the citizens of the
2 nations neighboring Iraq; and

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4 WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein threatens the Middle East and the global
5 economy with the threat to use weapons of mass destruction; and

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7 WHEREAS, just as we supported President Bush in the War on Terrorism,
8 we must continue to demonstrate broad and steadfast support for the President
9 of the United States; and

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11 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2002, the Congress cast a historic vote to
12 allow the President to employ military force against Saddam Hussein, should
13 the President determine that military force is necessary; and

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 That the Senate of the 84th General Assembly declares, proclaims, and
20 announces its one hundred percent support for all Arkansans serving in the
21 United States Military Service;

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23 That the Senate fully supports our Armed Forces in successfully
24 accomplishing operation "IRAQI FREEDOM", and wants our service members
25 serving here in Arkansas and elsewhere to know that we are grateful for their
26 many sacrifices and those of their families;

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28 That the thoughts and prayers of the members of the Senate are with
29 them and their families and we wish them Godspeed and a quick and safe
30 return;

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32 That we ask God's blessing on them and the United States of America;

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34 That the Senate expresses its steadfast support of President George W.
35 Bush, the President's Cabinet, and the men and women of the United States
36 Armed Forces for their courage and resolve to remove Saddam Hussein from

1 power; and

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3 That upon the adoption of this resolution the Secretary of the Senate
4 forward a copy of this Senate Resolution to our elected Members of Congress
5 in Washington D.C.

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