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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Support of the U.S. Armed Forces and their Liberation of the Iraqi People**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the U.S. Armed Forces and their liberation of the Iraqi
4 people; supporting the families of the U.S. Armed Forces; supporting the
5 enforcement of Resolution 1441; and generally relating to support of the U.S.
6 Armed Forces and their liberation of the Iraqi people.

7 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the United States and the United Nations have worked
8 in accordance to numerous UN resolutions to peacefully disarm Saddam Hussein and
9 the Iraqi government; and

10 WHEREAS, Hussein has deliberately flouted the will of and been a threat to the
11 world community and his own people; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 2002, both houses of the U.S. Congress authorized
13 the President of the United States to use force in enforcing the numerous United
14 Nations resolutions against Hussein and the Iraqi government; and

15 WHEREAS, In November 2002, the United Nations Security Council passed
16 Resolution 1441 unanimously declaring Iraq in material breach of its obligations and
17 vowing serious consequences if Iraq did not fully and immediately disarm; and

18 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has ordered military action against the
19 Iraqi government to uphold Resolution 1441 and the numerous resolutions requiring
20 Iraq to disarm; and

21 WHEREAS, Men and women from Maryland have been called to active duty
22 joining hundreds of thousands of military personnel from across the United States
23 and other allied nations to protect our nation and our world from the threat of
24 Hussein and the Iraqi government; and

25 WHEREAS, The families of these brave soldiers provide support to them and
26 remind us of the bravery and importance of our armed forces; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
2 General Assembly of Maryland offers its strong support for liberating Iraq and
3 enforcing the will of Resolution 1441; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland offers its strong support
5 for our service men and women, particularly those from Maryland, who are fulfilling
6 their patriotic duty with bravery and professionalism; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland offers its comfort and
8 praise for the families of these brave men and women whose strength is a source of
9 pride for our nation and our State; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, at 1600
12 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
14 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
15 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
16 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, Benjamin L.
17 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
18 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,
19 D.C. 20515; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
21 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
22 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
23 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.