ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1007

By: Sullivan and Adair of the House

and

Coffee, Capps, Pruitt and Myers of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution supporting the President of the United States and the members of the United States Armed Services in the event of military action against Iraq; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 1990, in response to Iraq's war of aggression against and illegal occupation of Kuwait, the United States forged a coalition of nations to liberate Kuwait and its people in order to defend the national security of the United States and enforce United States Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, after the liberation of Kuwait in 1991, Iraq entered into a United Nations sponsored cease-fire agreement pursuant to which Iraq unequivocally agreed, among other things, to eliminate its nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons programs, and the means to deliver and develop them, and to end its support for international terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of international weapons inspectors, United States intelligence agencies, and Iraqi defectors led to the discovery that Iraq had large stockpiles of chemical weapons and a large scale biological weapons program, and that Iraq had an advanced nuclear weapons development program which was much closer to producing a nuclear weapon than intelligence reporting had indicated previously; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to thwart and undermine initial United Nations arms inspection led to the withdrawal of the arms inspectors on October 31, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Iraq has continued to pose a threat to the national security of the United States and international peace and security in the Persian Gulf region; and

WHEREAS, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and his regime have demonstrated their capability and willingness to use weapons of mass destruction against other nations and their own people; and

WHEREAS, the attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, underscored the gravity of the threat posed by the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by international organizations; and

WHEREAS, United States President George W. Bush has sought diligently to work in cooperation with the Congress, the United Nations, and other nations to obtain Iraqi compliance with its

obligations to disarm as required by sixteen United Nations resolutions starting with United Nations Security Council Resolution 678 in 1990 through Resolution 1441 of November 8, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2002, the United States Senate and House of Representatives approved identical resolutions authorizing President George W. Bush to work with the United Nations to enforce disarmament efforts against Iraq and to use the Armed Forces of the United States as necessary and appropriate to defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq; and

WHEREAS, recent reports by the arms inspectors in Iraq to the United Nations Security Council clearly indicated that Iraq continues to evade its responsibility for its destruction of weapons of mass destruction in defiance of Resolution 1441 that gave Iraq one last chance to come into compliance; and

WHEREAS, United States Secretary of State Colin Powell's address to the United Nations Security Council on February 5, 2002, demonstrated Iraq and President Saddam Hussein's material breach of their obligations pursuant to Resolution 1441, continued effort to produce more weapons of mass destruction, and serious threat to the national security of the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States has deployed over 100,000 military personnel to the Middle East for potential military action against Iraq in the event the President determines that is the only way to obtain Iraqi compliance with United Nations directives for disarmament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature offers its support to President George W. Bush, his military and diplomatic advisors, and the members of Congress in these critical weeks as the nation determines what actions are most appropriate with respect to the Iraqi crisis.

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature also supports the members of the United States Armed Forces who are being deployed for a potential military action against Iraq and their families and loved ones and, in the event military action is authorized, prays for a quick victory over the regime of Saddam Hussein followed by the immediate destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and a safe return home.

THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, and the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 18th day of February, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate