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By Senators Madsen, Bauer, A. Smith and McCaslin.

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1            TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD CHENEY, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND TO  
2 GENERAL COLIN POWELL, CHAIR OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND TO THE  
3 ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT  
4 STORM:

5            We, your Memorialists, the Senate of the State of Washington, in  
6 legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as  
7 follows:

8            WHEREAS, The Nation of Kuwait has been since August of 1990,  
9 subject to the military oppression of an invading force, the military  
10 machine of the president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein; and

11            WHEREAS, Economic sanctions, coupled with a deadline resolution of  
12 the United Nations, failed to convince Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait;  
13 and

14            WHEREAS, The President of the United States, resolved to act  
15 against Saddam Hussein and through the efforts of the United Nations,  
16 a coalition of nearly thirty nations joined together to present a  
17 unified front to protest this invasion of one country by another; and

1           WHEREAS, The war inevitably involved half a million men and women  
2 from across the nation, with eight thousand individuals coming from  
3 Washington state; and

4           WHEREAS, Those men and women are our neighbors, their children play  
5 with our children, and they serve our communities through times of  
6 peace as well as in this time of war; and

7           WHEREAS, The people of the state of Washington are united in their  
8 support for the men and women who serve in our armed forces and we  
9 wholeheartedly support their efforts on our behalf and on behalf of the  
10 world; and

11           WHEREAS, We pray for the successful accomplishment of their mission  
12 and for their safe return;

13           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
14 Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff extend our  
15 appreciation to all our troops, especially those personnel representing  
16 the state of Washington in this serious time of crisis and courage.

17           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
18 transmitted to the Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense, and  
19 to General Colin Powell, Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and to  
20 Honorable George Mitchell, President of the Senate, and to Honorable  
21 Tom Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives.