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AMERICA, UNITED

FOR NEARLY SIX MONTHS, WE GAVE PEACE A CHANCE.
IT DIDN'T WORK.

NOT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T TRY HARD ENOUGH, OR BECAUSE WE WEREN'T
PATIENT ENOUGH.

FOR PEACE TO HAVE A CHANCE, BOTH SIDES MUST WANT IT.
SADDAM HUSSEIN DIDN'T.

FOR PEACE TO HAVE A CHANCE, BOTH SIDES MUST VALUE THE HUMAN
LIFE THAT PEACE PROTECTS.

SADDAM HUSSEIN DOESN'T.

FOR NEARLY SIX MONTHS, WE SOUGHT PEACE. PRESIDENT BUSH WENT
THE FIRST MILE, AND THEN THE EXTRA MILE -- AGAIN AND AGAIN.

FOR SIX MONTHS, WE SOUGHT PEACE -- BUT SADDAM HUSSEIN
INSISTED ON WAR.

AND NOW HE HAS HIS WAR.

WHEN AMERICA GOES TO WAR, AS WE NOW HAVE, WE GO UNITED. THE
PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR THE NATION. LAST NIGHT, HE SPOKE CLEARLY
AND ELOQUENTLY. I BELIEVE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN THE
CONGRESS, AND IN THE COUNTRY, WAS MOVED AS I WAS BY WHAT HE SAID;
AND STAND SQUARELY BEHIND WHAT HE HAS DONE.

WE HAVE HAD OUR DEBATES -- FOR NOW, THEY ARE OVER. WE HAVE
HAD OUR DISAGREEMENTS -- FOR NOW, THEY ARE SET ASIDE.

WE ARE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS -- BUT BEFORE THAT, WE ARE
AMERICANS. AND WHEN AMERICANS GO TO WAR, WE GO TOGETHER --
UNITED IN PURPOSE, AND DETERMINATION, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR FORCES.

THAT IS THE MESSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION, SENT TO OUR TROOPS.

OUR DEEP PRIDE IN THEIR COURAGE AND PATRIOTISM. AN
UNEQUIVOCAL COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THEM WHATEVER SUPPORT THEY NEED
TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION. A PRAYERFUL WISH FOR THEIR SAFETY
AND THEIR QUICK RETURN HOME.

AND THERE IS A MESSAGE, TOO, FOR SADDAM HUSSEIN -- THOUGH,
SADLY, HE SEEMS DEAF TO ANY VOICE BUT HIS OWN. IT IS A MESSAGE
THAT HE CAN HAVE NO EXPECTATION, AND SHOULD HAVE NO HOPE, THAT
DISUNITY AT HOME WILL UNDERMINE AMERICAN FORCES IN THE GULF. IT
WILL NOT HAPPEN. AMERICAN FORCES WILL CARRY OUT THEIR MISSION
UNTIL THEY ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL FULLY
SUPPORT THOSE FORCES UNTIL THEIR JOB IS DONE.

WE ARE ALL PLEASED THAT THE INITIAL PHASES OF OUR MILITARY
OPERATIONS HAVE GONE WELL, AND THAT OUR LOSSES SO FAR HAVE BEEN
MINIMAL. BUT THERE IS NO JOY IN THIS DAY FOR ANY OF US.

ONE AMERICAN HAS ALREADY DIED. INEVITABLY, TRAGICALLY, MORE
WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.

WITHOUT QUESTION, MANY IRAQIS HAVE ALREADY DIED, AND MANY,
MANY MORE WILL. CERTAINLY, WE TAKE NO JOY OR SATISFACTION IN
THAT, EITHER.

THIS COULD BE A LONG, AND COSTLY, AND DIFFICULT ENDEAVOR.
NO ONE SHOULD DOUBT THAT POSSIBILITY.

SO THIS IS A DAY WITH NO JOY. IT IS, INSTEAD, A DAY WHICH
WE MUST FILL WITH UNITY, COURAGE, DETERMINATION, PATRIOTISM,
AND -- MOST OF ALL -- OUR PRAYERS.

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