

Resolution No. 431

INVESTIGATE THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE USS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, on June 8, 1967, the USS Liberty, while operating in international waters in the eastern Mediterranean, was the target of an attack by Israel war planes and torpedo boats; and

WHEREAS, this attack killed 34 members of the USS Liberty's crew and wounded 171 other United States personnel on board in addition to causing extensive damage to the ship; and

WHEREAS, a controversy continues to surround the attack on the USS Liberty in that some Americans believe the attack was deliberate while others believe the attack was a mistake by the Israeli military; and

WHEREAS, aircraft dispatched from U.S. aircraft carriers to aid the USS Liberty were recalled, and this action may have resulted in the death and injury of additional American service members; and

WHEREAS, the sailors and Marines and their families should have closure of this tragic attack and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty is the only such naval incident to have never been investigated by Congress; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we call upon Congress to immediately investigate the attack on the USS Liberty that was perpetrated by the armed forces of the State of Israel on June 8, 1967, in order to determine the truth behind the attack, and bring closure to the families and crew; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the efforts of the USS Liberty Veterans Association calling for an investigation to unmask the truth.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief
To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY & FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The intent of this resolution is:

To call upon Congress to investigate the attack on the USS Liberty by Israeli military forces on June 8, 1967 to determine the truth behind the attack.