

RESOLUTION NO. 91-24

WHEREAS, on August 2, 1990, the nation of Iraq invaded its neighboring country of Kuwait in an open act of aggression and defiance of world opinion, and overthrew the legitimate government of Kuwait, and Americans living in Kuwait had their lives placed in jeopardy for a period of several months; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America responded to this naked aggression by sending members of the Armed Forces to the adjoining country of Saudi Arabia, at its invitation, to protect its borders as it anticipated that Iraq would overrun its borders just as they did those of Kuwait; and,

WHEREAS, the United Nations passed twelve different resolutions requesting Iraq to leave Kuwait and permit the legitimate government of Kuwait to be restored peacefully without further aggression; and,

WHEREAS, the United Nations has sent a multi-national force to Saudi Arabia to join the Armed Forces of the United States in Saudi Arabia for the purpose of enforcing its duly adopted sanctions and embargoes; and,

WHEREAS, the date of January 15, 1991, was the date set in the UN resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of all Iraqi forces and restoration of the duly constituted government of Kuwait; and,

WHEREAS, that date passed and the President of the United States had to enforce the UN resolution by ordering the multi-national forces to commence bombing strategic targets in Iraq with a minimum loss of civilian life in Iraq; and,

WHEREAS, the President has ordered over 500,000 members of the combined Armed Forces of the United States - Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marines - into Operation Desert Storm, including active duty personnel, reservists, and members of the National Guard from various states; and,

WHEREAS, over one hundred and sixty members of this combined force are from St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine; and,

WHEREAS, these men and women are carrying on a proud tradition as citizen-soldiers as the first militia organized in this country was in 1565 when the male citizens of St. Augustine were organized to defend the city as the Spanish soldiers moved north to attack the French soldiers located on the banks of the St. Johns River near Jacksonville; and,

WHEREAS, at a special President's Day Luncheon on February 21, 1991, to be held at the Colony Ponce de Leon Resort, the immediate family members of each service man and woman are to be the guests of Here's Life St. Augustine at which time prayers will be offered for their safe deliverance from this armed conflict that they are now engaged, and a copy of this Resolution will be presented to them by the Chairman of the County Commissioner and the Mayor of St. Augustine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, on behalf of all its citizens, that recognition and heartfelt thanks in deep appreciation be extended to each service member for the tremendous sacrifice they, along with the members of the multi-national forces, are being asked to make for the cause of restoring the rightful government of Kuwait back into authority and stabilizing the conditions in the Mid-East and restoring peace to that part of the world; and daily our prayers are for the safety of each of you and your safe return trip home.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donald R. Reynolds
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Anneth Walker
Deputy Clerk