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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LARRY J. BREWER

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE U.S. IN PROTECTING SAUDI ARABIA

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August 31, 1990

Dear Mayor Brewer:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message concerning the situation in the Middle East.

The President has condemned the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq as naked aggression, and he has called for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Iraqi forces. He has been encouraged by the broad, international support for the United Nations Security Council's resolutions condemning Iraq's illegal occupation of Kuwait and imposing mandatory economic sanctions against Iraq. The degree of individual and collective compliance with those sanctions thus far has been heartening.

The United States is committed to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf. American does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. However, President Bush has made clear America's intention to stand by its friends, saying, "No one, friend or foe, should doubt our desire for peace, and no one should underestimate our determination to confront aggression."

The sovereign independence of Saudi Arabia and our other friends in the Middle East is of vital interest to the United States. Not just our country but most of the nations of the world depend on imported oil, a large share of which comes from this region. Iraq's history of aggression poses a threat not only to the freedom of Saudi Arabia and other nations in the Persian Gulf but also to the stability of the world's economy. As the President pointed out, "Our jobs, our way of life, our own freedom and the freedom of friendly countries around the world would all suffer if control of the world's great oil reserves fell into the hands of one man, Saddam Hussein. So, we've made our stand—not simply to protect resources or real estate, but to protect the freedom of nations. We are striking a blow for the principle that might does not make right. Kuwait is small. But one conquered nation is one too many."
Therefore, President Bush responded to the Saudi request for U.S. assistance in defense of their homeland by ordering American armed forces to deploy to Saudi Arabia. He has also responded to a request from the Emir of Kuwait to coordinate multinational efforts to enforce sanctions aimed at convincing Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait and restore Kuwait's independence. He is heartened by the number of other countries--including Arab nations--that have joined this international defense effort.

The President appreciates the comments and suggestions of individual Americans concerning this matter of grave importance to our national security.

Sincerely,

William J. Cafrery, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Larry J. Brewer
City Clerk's Office
One Government Center, Suite 2140
Toledo, Ohio 43604
August 23, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Council of the City of Toledo, Ohio on August 21, 1990 adopted the attached Resolution No. 128-90 "expressing the support of Toledo City Council for the efforts of the United States in protecting Saudi Arabia against an attack by Iraq." This resolution expresses our support for you, Mr. President, and the men and women in the U.S. Military forces serving their country in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

Very truly yours,

Larry J. Brewer, CMC
Clerk of Council

Attachment
RESOLUTION NO. 128-90
8/20/90

EXpressING THE SUPPORT OF TOLEDO City COUNCIL FOR
THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN PROTECTING
SAUDI ARABIA AGAINST AN ATTACK BY IRAQ; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 1990, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein
commenced the invasion and occupation of the nation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, President Bush has sent U.S. Military forces to Saudi
Arabia as part of a multinational force to protect against an invasion
from Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo City Council desires to express its support
of the men and women in the U.S. Military forces serving their country in
Saudi Arabia and in the Persian Gulf; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Toledo hereby
expresses its support of the President, and the efforts of the men and
women in the U.S. Military forces serving their country in Saudi Arabia
and the Persian Gulf to discourage an Iraqi invasion of Saudi Arabia and
further aggression.

SECTION 2. That Toledo City Council urges our national leaders
to heed the warning provided by this current crisis and develop a
sustainable energy policy to allow us to live within our means and avoid
future dependence on such dangerously volatile sources of energy in the
future.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and he is hereby
instructed to spread this Resolution upon the minutes of Council and to
present suitable copies thereof to President Bush.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an
emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately from
and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact
that same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
health, safety and property, and for the further reason that this
Resolution must be immediately effective to express the support of Council
in a timely manner.

Vote on emergency clause: yees 9, nays 0.

Adopted: August 21, 1990 as an emergency measure: yees 9, nays 0.

John McHugh - Mayor

Attest: Larry J. Brewer - Clerk of Council

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a

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