

**SR018-0304**

10     **A SIMPLE RESOLUTION OF THE**  
20     **MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE ISSUING ITS CONDOLENCES**  
30     **TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS IN FALLUJAH**

40     **WHEREAS:**     In a scene reminiscent of Somalia, frenzied crowds dragged the burned,  
50     mutilated bodies of four American contractors, who were delivering food, through the streets of a  
60     Fallujah, Iraq; and,

70     **WHEREAS:**     Chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," residents cheered after the  
80     grisly assault on two four-wheel-drive civilian vehicles left both SUVs in flames; and,

90     **WHEREAS:**     Residents in Fallujah said insurgents attacked the contractors with small arms  
100     fire and rocket-propelled grenades; and,

110    **WHEREAS:**     After the attack, a jubilant crowd of civilians, none of whom appeared to be  
120    armed, gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hanging two of them from  
130    the bridge; and,

140    **WHEREAS:**     Associated Press Television News pictures showed one man beating a charred  
150    corpse with a metal pole. Others tied a yellow rope to a body, hooked it to a car and dragged it  
160    down the main street of town. Two blackened and mangled corpses were hung from the green,  
170    iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River; and,

180    **WHEREAS:**     A man held a printed sign with a skull and crossbones and the phrase "Fallujah  
190    the cemetery for Americans" beneath the blackened corpses after they were pulled from the  
200    vehicles; and,

210    **WHEREAS:**     "The people of Fallujah hung some of the bodies on the old bridge like  
220    slaughtered sheep...the corpses were mutilated" resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said; and,

230    **WHEREAS:**     State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the contractors, "were  
240    trying to make a difference and to help others;" and,

250    **WHEREAS:**     The Contractors worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, a company based  
260    in Moyock, N.C.; and,

270    **WHEREAS:**     In Iraq, the company was hired by the Pentagon to provide security for convoys  
280    that delivered food in the Fallujah area.

290    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**     That the Maryland Student Legislature issues its  
300    condolences to the families of the fallen Contractors.

310    **MANDATES:**     Public Affairs Office of Blackwater Security Consulting  
320                     Senator John Edwards  
330                     Senator Elizabeth Dole  
340                     Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld  
350                     Secretary of State Colin Powell

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