

**RESOLUTION
2003-R-13**

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the United States – the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard – form a combined force of 1.4 million active duty personnel; and

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces, along with several hundred thousand each in the Reserves and National Guard, consistently demonstrate their readiness to selflessly and bravely defend their Country and their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, more than 225,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces are now involved in conflict against Iraq, fighting to preserve the freedoms that our ancestors gave their lives to establish for all Americans, including the freedom to live without fear of the threat of oppression and terrorism in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard have been called to active duty for the conflict against Iraq and other purposes and risk their lives to safeguard these same freedoms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby express its unwavering support of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves and the National Guard who, in answer to the call of their Commander in Chief, courageously stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice so that all Americans can continue to live freely and without fear;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby commend and support the efforts and leadership of the President of the United States, as Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces, in the confrontation against Saddam Hussein's regime;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby express its gratitude to the families of those members of the United States Armed Forces for their special role in providing support for the members of the Armed Forces;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury does hereby express its deepest gratitude to the allied nations and each allied service member for bravely standing with the United States Armed Forces in the campaign against Saddam Hussein and the threat his regime poses to regional stability and international security.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, the Vermilion Parish Police Jury calls on the citizens of our great Parish of Vermilion to support and pay homage to the members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, the Reserves and the civilian national security agencies participating in the military operations in the Persian Gulf, to the allied service members, and to the families of each and every one of these brave men and women;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Police Jury Association, to U.S. Senator John Breaux, and Mary Landrieu, and Congressman Chris John and to the President of the United States.

THUS DONE, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 19th day of May, 2003.

I, Michael J. Bertrand, Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of resolution adopted by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury on the 19th day of May of 2003 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

MICHAEL J. BERTRAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY