

Reps. Bieda, Adamini, Amos, Brown, Caswell, Cheeks, Condino, Dennis, Elkins, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Hager, Huizenga, Jamnick, Ruth Johnson, Julian, Koetje, Kolb, LaJoy, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Nitz, Pastor, Phillips, Plakas, Richardville, Rivet, Rocca, Shackleton, Shulman, Spade, Stahl, Stakoe, Stallworth, Taub, Vagnozzi, Voorhees, Waters, Zelenko and Pappageorge offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 71.

A resolution to express our condolences to the families who lost loved ones in the May 12, 2003 attacks in Saudi Arabia.

Whereas, On Monday night, May 12, 2003, four apparently coordinated terrorist attacks struck Western targets in Saudi Arabia. The terrorists used vehicles packed with explosives in attacks on three housing compounds where Americans and other Westerners live; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan and members of the Michigan House of Representatives stand with our fellow citizens across the United States of America in expressing our outrage at the barbaric attacks in Saudi Arabia, we extend our sympathies to the families and friends of those who died in these attacks; and

Whereas, The 9/11/01 attacks here in the United States are still not forgotten by the people of Michigan. The vivid images of individuals being carried from the rubble of the fallen buildings strengthens our resolve to track down the killers whose twisted views of the world led them to believe that the death of innocent men, women, and children could advance their cause. Those who committed such heinous acts must be brought to justice; and

Whereas, Just as the people of Saudi Arabia are doing, we in Michigan now too hug our children just a little more tightly as we put them to bed at night. We hope the outpouring of grief and support that Michigianians have extended to the families who lost loved ones in these Saudi Arabia attacks will in some small measure comfort them during this tragedy. Let them know of our prayers and support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body send our condolences to the families who lost loved ones in the May 12, 2003 attacks in Saudi Arabia. May they know of our deepest sympathy and support in bringing the individuals involved in these cowardly attacks to justice; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State and the United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.