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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. C. RONALD AYCOCK

SUBJECT: FORWARDS RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
LEADERSHIP IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1990

Dear Mr. Aycock:

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.

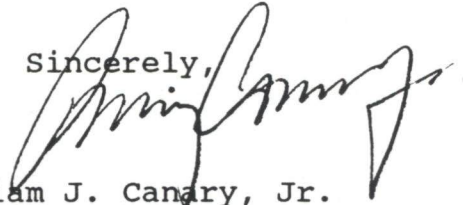
The United States is committed to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf. America does not seek conflict, nor does it seek to chart the destiny of other nations. However, President Bush has made clear America's intention to stand by its friends, saying, "No one, friend or foe, should doubt our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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Canary, Jr.", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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August 29, 1990

Honorable George Bush, President
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a resolution approved by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at our Annual Conference held August 9-12 in Asheville, North Carolina.

The resolution is self-explanatory and was approved unanimously by representatives of 93 of the 100 counties in our state.

As indicated, our hearts, prayers and hopes are with you in these trying and delicate times.

Yours very truly,


C. Ronald Aycock
Executive Director

cc: Senators Jesse Helms, Terry Sanford; Members, North Carolina Congressional Delegation; John Thomas, Executive Director, National Association of Counties; Governor James Martin

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES LEADERS TO
IRAQI AGGRESSION

WHEREAS, the government of Iraq, on July 31, 1990, launched an unprovoked military invasion of the sovereign nation of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, Iraqi troops continue to threaten the borders of Saudi Arabia and other United States allies in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of Iraq threaten the use of chemical weapons in violation of all conventions of modern warfare; andK

WHEREAS, United States President George Bush, acting in cooperation and after communication with American allies in the Middle East and other parts of the world, has ordered American air, ground and naval forces to the area to protect American interests and the sovereignty of other nations in the region, thus showing both firm resolve and admirable restraint, and has duly notified the legislative branch of the United States Government pursuant to the War Powers Act; and

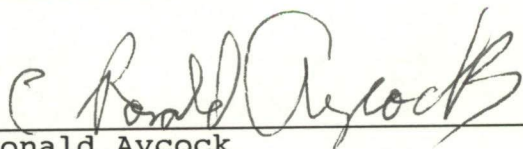
WHEREAS, congressional and other governmental leaders of both political parties, as well as leaders of nations throughout the world, have expressed support for the President's efforts to restore peace to the area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners hereby expresses praise and support for the President's strong action as well as for those who have stood behind our Chief Executive at a time when such unity and support are crucial to assure worldwide understanding of American intentions and resolve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is urged to continue to chart a firm, sensible course in the Middle East and that congressional leaders and officials in this nation and others are hereby urged to support such a course.



This to certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed at the 1990 Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.


C. Ronald Aycock
Executive Director