Introduced December 16, 2003, by Councilman Binder, seconded by Council Members Williams, Livaudais, Burkhalter, Cusimano, Kingston, Canada, Harbison, and Cromer

## **RESOLUTION R03-44**

A resolution congratulating President George W. Bush, Commander-In-Chief, and the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces serving in the Middle East, on their recent capture of deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces began operation Iraqi Freedom earlier this year in an effort to liberate the Iraqi people from the decades of torture, execution, fear, and injustice of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, one of its primary objectives was to capture key officials of the previous regime in order to facilitate the transfer of government to a democratically elected body representing the people of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Saddam Hussein was the top official listed of the fifty-five most—wanted Iraqi's sought by the military for these and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, his capture was accomplished without the firing of a single shot, further demonstrating the professionalism and expertise of our military operations; and

WHEREAS, we must also remember the many soldiers, airmen, marines, and sailors who have lost their lives and/or left their families to serve our country in an attempt to make the world a safer place to live.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that President George W. Bush be commended for his leadership in the fight against terrorism and for his exemplary service as Commander-In-Chief of our military to ensure our national security.

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ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2003.

Jerry Binder

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Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council