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PENCE: “THE UNITED NATIONS FAILED

Washington, Mar 19, 2003 - Washington, D.C.- U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today made the following speech from the House floor regarding the United Nations:

“Mr. Speaker, today is a solemn day. History awaits America tonight.

“And while I would never question the patriotism of anyone who would challenge the wisdom of U.S. policy (as they) exercise their first amendment rights on this floor or in this nation, I will challenge the wisdom of those who say that we have come upon this moment because of diplomatic failure.

“That we have come upon this moment because of failure on the part of the President to lead the world toward consensus.

“Let us be clear Mr. Speaker, the President did not fail.

“Diplomacy did not fail.

“The United Nations failed in abdicating its historic role (that was) minted in the aftermath of the Second World War…to be a bulwark against tyranny in the world.

“The United Nations failed.

“But as the world awaits our leadership and that of 30 other nations in the coalition of the willing, let us be clear Mr. Speaker…the United Nations failed but liberty will prevail.”

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