



2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

May 11, 2004 - Introduced by Senator LAZICH, cosponsored by Representative GUNDRUM. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and service of Wisconsin Army National Guard Specialist
2 Michelle Witmer.

3 Whereas, Specialist Michelle Witmer, daughter of John and Lori Witmer, sister
4 of Rachel, Timothy, Charity, and Mark, was born on February 13, 1984, and died on
5 April 9, 2004, in Baghdad, Iraq, defending herself and fellow soldiers from ambush;
6 and

7 Whereas, Specialist Witmer served with distinction and honor with the
8 Wisconsin National Guard 32nd Military Police Company of Milwaukee and
9 Madison; and

10 Whereas, Specialist Witmer was home-schooled and graduated in 2002; and

11 Whereas, while serving in Iraq, Specialist Witmer volunteered at an Iraqi
12 orphanage for disabled children, had a keen interest in government, drama, music,
13 and animals, and devoted a great deal of passion and time to these interests; and

14 Whereas, Specialist Witmer made the ultimate sacrifice for her country while
15 advancing the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people; and

1 Whereas, Specialist Witmer was awarded 2 medals of distinction, the Purple
2 Heart and the Bronze Star; and

3 Whereas, Specialist Witmer will always be remembered for her bravery and
4 courage; now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Wisconsin Army National Guard
7 Specialist Michelle Witmer, express their sorrow at the loss of her life, and extend
8 their condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further

9 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
10 resolution to Specialist Witmer's parents, John and Lori Witmer; her sisters, Rachel
11 and Charity; and her brothers, Timothy and Mark.

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