



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

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1 **Relating to:** commending the Iron Brigade.

2 Whereas, the courageous soldiers of the Iron Brigade fought in the Union Army
3 in the Civil War of 1861-1865; and

4 Whereas, General Rufus King brought together the infantry regiments known
5 as the Iron Brigade and commanded them at the start of the Civil War; and

6 Whereas, the majority of the Iron Brigade was composed of young men from
7 Wisconsin; and

8 Whereas, also known as the “Black Hats,” the Iron Brigade served in almost
9 every major battle of the Civil War; and

10 Whereas, William F. Fox, the Civil War’s premier casualty statistician, stated
11 that the records show that, during the Civil War, the Iron Brigade faced enemy fire
12 most often and for the longest periods; and

13 Whereas, of the 672 infantry brigades in the Union Army, the Iron Brigade
14 experienced the highest rate of casualties; and

