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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** the life and military service of Sergeant Andy A. Stevens.

Whereas, Sergeant Andy A. Stevens was born August 18, 1976, in Tomah, Wisconsin, and died on December 1, 2005, from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations near Fallujah, Iraq; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens graduated from Tomah High School in 1995, where he had been a confident and determined, hard-working student, participating in football, basketball, and concert choir; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens joined the United States Marines in June 1995, as he had planned to do since early childhood; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens was deployed as a scout sniper with his unit to Iraq in July 2005, to help secure the region before Iraqi elections; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens served with honor in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Twentynine Palms, California, which during Operation Iraqi Freedom was attached to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward); and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens had been awarded military honors including the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, 2 Marine Corps Good Conduct Medals, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Korean Defense Service Medal, 2 National Defense Service Medals, and 5 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens and 9 other Marines were inside an abandoned flour factory being used as a patrol base and died when the IED detonated; and

Whereas, Sergeant Stevens was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature honor United States Marine Sergeant Andy A. Stevens for his dedicated service to his country and express their heartfelt condolences to his family; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Sergeant Stevens' father, Allen Stevens, of Tomah; his mother, Kaye Olson, of Eau Claire; and his sister, Amy Pelle, of Rice Lake.

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Representative John G. Gard  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Alan J. Lasee  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk