
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Eric A. Palmisano.

Whereas, Lance Corporal Eric A. Palmisano, of Florence, Wisconsin, served the United States proudly as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano's body was recovered on April 11, 2006, following an overturned truck accident in a flash flood near Al Asad, in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano followed a strong family tradition of ultimate sacrifice by following in the service footsteps of his grandfather, uncle, and cousin; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano joined the Marine Corps March 15, 2005, and was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

Whereas, a born leader, Lance Cpl. Palmisano attended boot camp and served as scribe, was a Marine sharpshooter with an expert marksman qualification, and had attained the rank of Tan Belt in the Martial Arts; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano underwent advanced training in the Marine Corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where his military occupational specialty was as a motor transport operator, assigned to the 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, California; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano earned his associate degree from the Seminole Community College in Florida before entering the Marine Corps to make a better life for himself and his fiancé, Claire; and

Whereas, survivors of Lance Cpl. Palmisano are parents Herb and Bobbie Samme, his fiancé Claire, a brother Salvatore, paternal grandparents Sam and Marie Palmisano, and maternal grandparents Bob and Gloria McCauslin, as well as his faithful dog Hannah and many other family members; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano will always be remembered for his loyalty and duty to the Marine Corps and to the cause of freedom, and for his love for and devotion to his family and friends; and

Whereas, Lance Cpl. Palmisano's final resting place will be next to his father in Chicago, where he will be buried with full military honors and he will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Lance Corporal Eric A. Palmisano of Florence, Wisconsin, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Lance Cpl. Palmisano's parents, fiancé, brother, and grandparents.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk