



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 31, 2017 - Introduced by Representative KOYENGA, cosponsored by Senator VUKMIR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** the public service of Army Staff Sergeant Matthew Thompson.

2             Whereas, Sergeant Matthew Vail Thompson was born on June 22, 1988, in  
3     Brookfield, Wisconsin, to Mark and Lynda Thompson and died on August 23, 2016,  
4     in the Helmand province of Afghanistan, while in the line of duty; and

5             Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was a 2006 graduate of Brookfield Central High  
6     School in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and while attending Brookfield Central High  
7     School, he was an active member of the band and football team; and

8             Whereas, Sergeant Thompson attended the College of Arts and Sciences at  
9     Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked as a resident assistant  
10    in O'Donnell Hall during his time at Marquette; and

11            Whereas, Sergeant Thompson went on to complete his undergraduate degree  
12    at Concordia University in Irvine, California, where he met his wife, Rachel  
13    Thompson; and

1           Whereas, Sergeant Thompson, a Green Beret, enlisted in the Army in March  
2           2011 and was selected for the Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group  
3           at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; and

4           Whereas, Sergeant Thompson, deployed as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant,  
5           supported Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Operation Freedom's Sentinel in  
6           Afghanistan; and

7           Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was awarded the Army Commendation Medal,  
8           Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on  
9           Terrorism Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign  
10          Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Basic Parachutist Badge,  
11          and Special Forces Tab; and

12          Whereas, Sergeant Thompson honorably served the United States of America  
13          as a Green Beret and as a Medical Sergeant in the Army Special Forces and was  
14          posthumously awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal with the "V"  
15          device, and the Purple Heart Medal; and

16          Whereas, Sergeant Thompson died in the line of duty on August 23, 2016, at the  
17          age of 28; and

18          Whereas, on that day, Sergeant Thompson entered the Helmand province of  
19          Afghanistan, where Taliban conflict had been escalating, and was killed by a  
20          roadside bomb; and

21          Whereas, Sergeant Thompson bravely gave his life to uphold the safety and  
22          freedom of American citizens; and

23          Whereas, Sergeant Thompson valiantly committed himself to protect and  
24          faithfully serve his country, and he will be deeply missed; and

1           Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was the cherished husband of Rachel Thompson,  
2           son of Mark and Lynda Thompson, brother of Karen and Robyn Thompson, and  
3           treasured friend to many, and his family and fellow citizens are proud to have known  
4           him and appreciate his unwavering devotion to family and country; now, therefore,  
5           be it

6           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of  
7           the state of Wisconsin honors the remarkable life of Sergeant Matthew Thompson  
8           and extends its sincere sympathies to his family, friends, and comrades; and, be it  
9           further

10          ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
11          resolution to Sergeant Thompson's family.

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(END)