

2005 Senate Joint Resolution 78

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** the life and service of Lance Corporal Nicholas R. Anderson.

Whereas, Lance Corporal Nicholas Robert Anderson was born November 9, 1984, and died March 13, 2006, as a result of wounds received while on patrol near Jalalabad, Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson enlisted in the Army National Guard in 2002, and joined the Marine Corps in January 2005, serving with distinction and honor with the Hawaii–based 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division (III Marine Expeditionary Forces); and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson was well known in his community, often seen riding his Fat Boy Harley–Davidson motorcycle around town and with his motorcycle buddies on their way to Devils Lake, Wisconsin Dells, or the Merrimac Ferry; and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson worked at McFarlanes', graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in 2003, worked for Monona Fire and Sprinkler, was a member of Lachmund–Cramer VFW Post 7694, and was a member of Sprinkler Fitters, Local Union 669; and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson in his 2005 Mother's Day card expressed to his mom that he loved her very much, and that he was trying to live his life to the fullest and make her proud; and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson when very young, wore camouflage, played with toy guns, and went with his father and uncles to the rifle range as soon as he was old enough, then lived the Corps values of honor, commitment, and brotherhood and he grieved intensely for fellow service members lost and their families; and

Whereas, LCpl Anderson was very close with his family, especially to his older sister Jessica and her two children Ethan and Ella who knew of Uncle Nick's arrival by the rumble of his Harley and who made many drawings that covered a wall of Nick's quarters; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Nicholas Anderson was laid to rest Thursday, March 23, 2006, with 600 people attending the funeral ceremony and hundreds more lining the processional route to honor this young man who loved to be a Marine, the brotherhood, uniform, and insignia, and who sought to be the best Marine he could be and to make his family proud; and

Whereas, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Lance Corporal Anderson; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Nicholas Robert Anderson and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Barb Anderson, his mother; Jim and Cindy Anderson, his father and stepmother; Jessica Yanke, his sister; Kiersten, Elin, and Kia Carlson, his three stepsisters; Aaron Haas, his cousin and best friend; Amanda Kohlman, his special friend; and James Schulenberg, friend and classmate.

Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly	Senator Alan J. Lasee President of the Senate
Date	Robert J. Marchant Senate Chief Clerk