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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the life and military service of Corporal Rachael L. Hugo.

Whereas, Corporal Rachael L. Hugo was born May 13, 1983, in Madison, Wisconsin, and was “Killed in Action” on October 5, 2007, in Bayji, Iraq, when her unit came under fire by anti–Iraqi forces; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo served with distinction and compassion as a Combat Medic, member of the 79th Military Police Company and was attached to the 303rd Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, United State Army Reserve; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo was known as “Combat Barbie,” regularly volunteered to go out on missions, including her final mission, and always wanted to be there for “her guys” in case someone got hurt; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo told her family that “being a medic is what I chose to do, and being a medic is what I love to do!”; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Medic Badge, The Army Good Conduct Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, all awards being presented to her parents at her funeral service, and is receiving another award from the Iraq theater which has not yet been disclosed; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo will be remembered by her family as a great student all through school, making the Dean’s list while working toward her Bachelors Degree in Nursing at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and taking pride in her fluency in both Spanish and Russian; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo will be remembered by family and friends as an individual who loved life to its fullest, enjoying many hobbies and activities including hiking, camping, hunting and fishing, dancing, movies, and shopping with the people who loved her; and

Whereas, Corporal Hugo loved her country and her family and was honored to serve both and will be deeply missed by family and friends and those she served with; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Rachael L. Hugo and extends its deepest sympathies to her family, friends, and colleagues, and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Rachael L. Hugo’s parents, Kermit and Ruth Hugo, of Madison; her brother Scott Hugo, of Madison; her Grandmother, Carol Hugo, of Fitchburg; her great–uncle Robert Hugo, of Madison; her uncle, Richard Hugo II, of Madison; her aunt, Valerie Hugo of Marshall; her aunt Lynn and uncle Tim Schommer and their family, of Janesville; her uncle Don and aunt Lori Jensen, of Madison; her uncle Richard Jensen, of Madison; her uncle Dennis and aunt Joy Jensen, of Nekoosa; her aunt Betty and uncle Richard Tracy, of Madison; her aunt Elaine and uncle Kent Backey, of Madison; her uncle David, of Madison; the 79th Military Police Company in Rochester, MN; the 303rd Military Police Company Company in Jackson MI; Fort Snelling, MN; SSG Scott Adams; SFC Michael Nelson; MSGT Le Anne and SFC Edward Trottingwolf; Command Sergeant Major Kevin Nolan; Command Sergeant Major John Vacho and wife Carol; Rachael’s roommate in Iraq and dear friend SGT Danielle Krause; Rachael’s “Other little brother” SGT William Baker; Operation Hometown Gratitude, of Rochester, MN; and Tate Reynolds, of Token Creek.

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Representative Michael D. Huebsch  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk