

2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

February 20, 2006 – Introduced by Representative RHOADES, cosponsored by Senator HARSDORF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and military service of Army Specialist Bert Edward Hoyer.
2	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer was born October 28, 1980, in Red Wing, Minnesota,
3	to parents Larry and Peggy Hoyer, and died March 10, 2004, in the service of his
4	country, in Ba'Quba, Iraq, when his convoy was attacked by an explosive device; and
5	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer served with distinction, honor, and the respect of his
6	fellow soldiers as a member of the 652nd Engineer Company, U.S. Army Reserve,
7	based in his hometown of Ellsworth, Wisconsin; and
8	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer received several commendations for his exemplary
9	service to his country, including the Army Service Medal, Army Reserve Component
LO	Achievement Medal, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart, in addition to being promoted
11	to the rank of Specialist 4th Class; and
12	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer kept in contact with 6th-grade students at
13	Ellsworth Middle School during his service in Iraq, giving them a unique insight into
14	Operation Iraqi Freedom and the life of a soldier on active duty; and

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1	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in
2	Beldenville, Wisconsin; and
3	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1999 and
4	entered the U.S. Army Reserve upon enrolling at Vermillion Community College in
5	Ely, Minnesota, where he studied wildlife management; and
6	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer made the ultimate sacrifice for his country to protect
7	our freedom and way of life, while advancing the blessing of freedom and democracy
8	to the Iraqi people; and
9	Whereas, Specialist Hoyer will always be remembered for his bravery, courage,
10	and as a "creative, inspirational leader," who served his country with pride and
11	whose sacrifice shall never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
13	Wisconsin legislature honor Specialist Bert Edward Hoyer for his dedication to and
14	sacrifice for our country and express their heartfelt sorrow over the loss of his life and
15	extend their condolences to his family and friends and, be it further
16	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
17	resolution to Specialist Hoyer's parents, Larry and Peggy Hoyer; brother Darryl
18	Hoyer; sister Annie Hoyer; maternal grandmother, Florence Kline; paternal
19	grandparents, John and Donna Hoyer; and his paternal great-grandmother, Edith
20	Johnson.
21	(END)