



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

January 25, 2010 – Introduced by Senators KREITLOW and JAUCH, cosponsored by Representative ZIGMUNT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the service and safe return of Wisconsin’s 32nd Infantry
2 Brigade Combat Team from its deployment in Iraq.

3 Whereas, the 32nd Brigade, Wisconsin’s National Guard team of 3,450 soldiers
4 from communities throughout our state—32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team
5 Headquarters at Camp Douglas; the 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery from
6 Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Stevens Point; the 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry
7 from Appleton, Clintonville, Waupun, Ripon, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, and
8 Marinette; the 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry from Eau Claire, Abbotsford,
9 Menomonie, New Richmond, Rice Lake, Arcadia, Onalaska, and River Falls; the
10 132nd Brigade Support Battalion from Portage, Janesville, Elkhorn, Mauston,
11 Milwaukee, Baraboo, Madison, Waupaca, Appleton, Neillsville, Eau Claire,
12 Mosinee, and Wisconsin Rapids; the Brigade Special Troops Battalion from Wausau,
13 Merrill, Onalaska, Madison, and Antigo; the 1st Squadron, 105th Cavalry from
14 Madison, Fort Atkinson, Watertown, and Reedsburg; the 257th Brigade Support
15 Battalion Headquarters from Oak Creek, Company A from Whitewater, and

1 Company B from Kenosha; and the 108th Forward Support Company from
2 Sussex—will return to their homes and families after a ten-month deployment in
3 Iraq; and

4 Whereas, the unit was alerted of its mobilization order in late 2007, spent 2008
5 preparing with intense training at Camp Blanding, Florida and Fort Bliss, Texas,
6 and deployed in 2009 for an active duty mission in Iraq; and

7 Whereas, the mobilization of the 32nd Brigade involved the largest operational
8 deployment of Wisconsin National Guard forces since World War II; and

9 Whereas, the soldiers of the 32nd Brigade were organized into 27
10 company-sized units and rather than operating as a brigade, were tasked with a
11 variety of missions and assignments throughout Iraq including forward operating
12 base administration, base defense, area security, quick reaction forces, detainee
13 guard force and transferring operations, closing the largest internment facility in
14 Iraq, operating training academies for Iraqi corrections officers, securing and
15 administering the International Zone in Baghdad, and turning over U.S.-controlled
16 properties to the government of Iraq; and

17 Whereas, Wisconsin's National Guard soldiers worked twelve-hour days, week
18 after week for ten months with the Iraqi government, military, and civilian officials
19 to increase security and saw dramatic improvements in Iraq's safety and confidence
20 as a sovereign nation; and

21 Whereas, the 32nd Brigade proudly served its country and its state with
22 distinction and valor; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
24 the state of Wisconsin honors and thanks the Wisconsin National Guard for its
25 service and for its safe return to Wisconsin; and

1 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin honors
2 and thanks the families of the Wisconsin National Guard soldiers, who gave up their
3 sons, daughters, husbands, and wives so they could proudly serve Wisconsin and the
4 United States.

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