



State of Wisconsin
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2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 62

October 25, 2005 - Introduced by Representative LOEFFELHOLZ. Referred to
Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of United States Army Major Christopher
2 J. Splinter.

3 Whereas, Army Major Christopher J. Splinter was born on October 9, 1960, in
4 Dubuque, Iowa, to Virgil and Barbara Splinter, and died on December 24, 2003, near
5 the city of Samarra, Iraq, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

6 Whereas, Major Splinter was assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, 1st
7 Engineer Brigade, based at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri; and

8 Whereas, Major Splinter was married to Penny (Barton) Splinter, his high
9 school sweetheart of 18 years; and

10 Whereas, Major Splinter and his wife have two children, a son, Mitchell, and
11 a daughter, Rachel; and

12 Whereas, Major Splinter graduated from Platteville High School in 1979 and
13 was a sports standout, being named All-Conference in both football and track; and

1 Whereas, Major Splinter received a degree in business administration in 1990
2 from the University of Wisconsin–Platteville, where he joined the ROTC program;
3 and

4 Whereas, Major Splinter strongly believed the Iraqi War was a just cause and
5 Iraq would one day be a model state in the Middle East; and

6 Whereas, Major Splinter expressed these beliefs to his parents, writing, “The
7 war is progressing slowly but in a positive direction. We continue to battle
8 non-compliant forces. We will be successful, but must dig in our heels for the long
9 term. I truly expect this country to be self-sufficient and stable in the next three to
10 five years. Ten years from now, Iraq will be the show state in the Middle East. This
11 is dependent on America not losing hope and forcing the Army to depart early”; and

12 Whereas, Major Splinter was awarded a 4th ID combat patch, the Bronze Star
13 for his meritorious service and bravery during combat operations, and the Purple
14 Heart for his physical sacrifice; and

15 Whereas, Major Splinter made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while
16 advancing the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people and for the world; and

17 Whereas, Major Splinter will always be remembered for his bravery and
18 courage and will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
20 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Army Major Christopher
21 J. Splinter and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues;
22 and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
24 resolution to Major Splinter’s wife, Penny Splinter of Dubuque, Iowa.

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(END)