



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

January 18, 2005 – Introduced by Senator KANAVAS, cosponsored by Representative NISCHKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Marine Corporal Robert Warns II.

2 Whereas, Corporal Robert “Bobby” Warns II was born on May 2, 1981, in
3 Waukesha, Wisconsin, and died on November 8, 2004, near Lutafiyah, Iraq, while
4 serving on patrol with Lance Corporals Shane K. O’Donnell and Branden Ramey
5 when they were hit by a buried improvised explosive device; and

6 Whereas, Corporal Warns served with distinction and honor as a member of
7 Company G, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division
8 (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, based in Madison, Wisconsin, while attached to the
9 first Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

10 Whereas, Corporal Warns was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church since
11 1981; and

12 Whereas, Corporal Warns graduated in 1999 from Catholic Memorial High
13 School in Waukesha, was to have been a senior majoring in management information
14 systems at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and had anticipated a promising

1 career in management information systems upon his anticipated return home from
2 service in Iraq; and

3 Whereas, his child will be born into a world safe from tyranny in the spring of
4 2005; and

5 Whereas, Corporal Warns dreamed of being in the military and dreamed of
6 serving his country proudly; and

7 Whereas, Corporal Warns made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while
8 advancing the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people; and

9 Whereas, Corporal Warns will always be remembered for his bravery and
10 courage and will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
12 Wisconsin legislature honor Corporal Robert “Bobby” Warns II for his dedication to
13 our country and express their heartfelt sorrow over the loss of his life and extend
14 their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
16 resolution to Corporal Warns’ parents, Robert and Bridget Warns, to his sister, Katie
17 Riesch, to his paternal grandparents, Norman and Dorothy Warns, to his maternal
18 grandmother, Rosaleen McDermott, and to his girlfriend, Erin Nielson.

19 (END)