



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

January 10, 2012 - Introduced by Senator S. FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representative J. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of United States Army Pfc. Jacob A. Gassen
2 (Jake).

3 Whereas, Jacob was born on November 19, 1989, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to
4 Gregory and Barbara Gassen, and died on November 29, 2010, of injuries sustained
5 when an insurgent attacked his unit with small arms fire in Nangarhar province,
6 Afghanistan; and

7 Whereas, Jacob was a 2008 graduate of Beaver Dam High School in Beaver
8 Dam, Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and enlisted in the
9 United States Army in 2009; and

10 Whereas, Jacob served with distinction in the United States Army 1st
11 Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne
12 Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

13 Whereas, Jacob's family and fellow citizens are very proud of him and know that
14 he died doing what he wanted to do: serve the nation and fight for freedom; and

1 Whereas, Jacob embodied the Army's core values of loyalty, duty, respect,
2 selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal service and he will be sorely missed;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
5 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Jacob A. Gassen and
6 extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it
7 further

8 ***Resolved, That*** that the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
9 resolution to Jacob's parents, Gregory and Barbara Gassen.

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