



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

April 12, 2013 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK and MURTHA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of United States Marine Corporal Michael
2 Conrad Nolen.

3 Whereas, Michael Conrad Nolen was born on February 23, 1989, in Saint Paul,
4 Minnesota, was raised in Spring Valley, Wisconsin, and died on June 27, 2011, while
5 leading a combat operation in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as part of Operation
6 Enduring Freedom; and

7 Whereas, Michael was a 2007 graduate of Spring Valley High School and active
8 as a teenager, enjoying rock climbing, paintballing, motorcycle riding, playing in
9 summer soccer leagues, and playing the role of sheriff for Spring Valley High School's
10 performance of *Honeymoon at Graveside Manor*; and

11 Whereas, after recovering from Lyme disease and from a broken collarbone due
12 to a motorcycle accident, Michael entered the United States Marine Corps in
13 November 2007; and

1 Whereas, Michael was pleased to have his entire family travel to the Marine
2 Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, to celebrate his graduation from boot
3 camp; and

4 Whereas, after recruit training, Michael completed his infantry training in
5 Southern California at the School of Infantry–West at the Marine Corps Base Camp
6 Pendleton and enlisted as an infantryman; and

7 Whereas, Michael was stationed in Bangor, Washington, for two years as a
8 special duty assignment for Security Forces, during which time he continued his
9 leadership training; and

10 Whereas, Michael was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Corporal on
11 December 2, 2009, joining the esteemed ranks of the Marine Corps noncommissioned
12 officers; and

13 Whereas, Michael was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment,
14 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North
15 Carolina, in July 2010 and was deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in
16 March 2011; and

17 Whereas, Michael embodied the Marine Corps’ values of honor, courage, and
18 commitment, and he is remembered for his integrity and compassionate heart; and

19 Whereas, Michael was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the
20 National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
21 and he posthumously received the Purple Heart; and

22 Whereas, Michael was the cherished son of Timothy and Judith Nolen, beloved
23 brother of Christina Jensen, Melanie Nolen, T. Samuel Nolen (deceased), and
24 Alexander Nolen, and dear friend to many; and

1 Whereas, Michael made his family, friends, colleagues, and country extremely
2 proud of his bravery as he made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his nation and in
3 fighting for the cause of freedom; 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 and military service of
6 Michael Conrad Nolen and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and
7 colleagues; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
9 resolution to Michael's parents, Timothy and Judith Nolen; Michael's sisters,
10 Christina Jensen and Melanie Nolen; and Michael's brother, Alexander Nolen.

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