



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 83

October 6, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, VOS, HINTZ, VORPAGEL, SINICKI, SPIROS, TITTL, CALLAHAN, MAGNAFICI, VRUWINK, PETRYK, ARMSTRONG, JAMES, ROZAR, PLUMER, PRONSCHINSKE, PENTERMAN, RAMTHUN, DITTRICH, DOYLE, MACCO, TUSLER, J. RODRIGUEZ, CABRAL-GUEVARA, GUNDRUM, MURSAU, SUBECK, DALLMAN, KERKMAN, BEHNKE, KNODL, HEBL, MILROY, B. MEYERS, SUMMERFIELD, KUGLITSCH, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, ZIMMERMAN, HORLACHER, TRANEL, CONLEY, VANDERMEER, LOUDENBECK, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ANDRACA, EMERSON, SNODGRASS, BROSTOFF, NEUBAUER, EDMING, SHELTON, DRAKE, MCGUIRE, BOWEN, OHNSTAD, WITTKE, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, SWEARINGEN, BALDEH, KITCHENS, ALLEN and CONSIDINE, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, CARPENTER, NASS, MARKLEIN, BRADLEY, TESTIN, L. TAYLOR, SMITH, ROTH, RINGHAND, JACQUE, JOHNSON, COWLES, WANGGAARD, BEWLEY, WIRCH, JAGLER, BERNIER and FEYEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the 13 U.S. service members who lost their lives on August
2 26, 2021.

3 Whereas, on October 7, 2001, the United States launched Operation Enduring
4 Freedom in Afghanistan in response to the terror attacks of September 11, 2001; and

5 Whereas, U.S. service members strove to achieve peace and stability for the
6 people of Afghanistan for nearly 20 years; and

7 Whereas, the United States negotiated a withdrawal of its armed forces by
8 August 31, 2021; and

9 Whereas, the Taliban began a rapid takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021,
10 prompting hundreds of thousands of refugees to flee to Kabul to escape Taliban
11 persecution; and

12 Whereas, U.S. marines, soldiers, and sailors were deployed to the Hamid
13 Karzai International Airport to assist in evacuating U.S. citizens and Afghan
14 refugees; and

1 Whereas, Marine Corps staff sergeant Darin T. Hoover, Marine Corps sergeant
2 Johanny Rosario Pichardo, Marine Corps sergeant Nicole L. Gee, Marine Corps
3 corporal Hunter Lopez, Marine Corps corporal Daegan W. Page, Marine Corps
4 corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, Marine Corps lance corporal David L. Espinoza,
5 Marine Corps lance corporal Jared M. Schmitz, Marine Corps lance corporal Rylee
6 J. McCollum, Marine Corps lance corporal Dylan R. Merola, Marine Corps lance
7 corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, Navy hospitalman Maxton W. Soviak, and Army staff
8 sergeant Ryan C. Knauss lost their lives in the line of duty on August 26, 2021, in
9 a suicide bombing that also killed at least 169 Afghan civilians; and

10 Whereas, these fallen service members included a newlywed expecting his first
11 child, a brother to 12 loving siblings, an aspiring engineering student, and a
12 Dominican American who was the pride of her local community; and

13 Whereas, all 13 men and women devoted themselves to serving their country
14 and safeguarding the rescue of the innocent; and

15 Whereas, family members, friends, and neighbors have honored the lives of the
16 fallen with candlelit vigils, motorcades, murals, and flags flown half-staff; and

17 Whereas, Americans will remember the bravery of these 13 fallen service
18 members who were the last to lose their lives during the involvement of the United
19 States in Afghanistan; and

20 Whereas, these fallen service members join the venerated ranks of 2,461 U.S.
21 service members who gave their lives for Operation Enduring Freedom; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
24 Wisconsin Legislature commemorate the remarkable lives of the fallen service

1 members and extend their deepest sympathies to the families, friends, and
2 colleagues of the fallen service members.

3 (END)