



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 89

January 13, 1998 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES. Referred to Calendar.

1 **Relating to:** honoring Wisconsin veterans.

2 Whereas, an appropriate way to celebrate Wisconsin's sesquicentennial is to
3 honor persons and groups who have made significant contributions to this state and
4 this country; and

5 Whereas, high on that list are Wisconsin veterans; and

6 Whereas, those contributions began shortly after Wisconsin became a state,
7 during the Civil War; and

8 Whereas, Wisconsin sent many of its young men, including the members of the
9 fabled Iron Brigade, to that war; they acquitted themselves valiantly; and many gave
10 their lives; and

11 Whereas, in all of the succeeding wars and in times of peace, military personnel
12 from this state, both men and women, served their country in the armed forces; and

13 Whereas, 91,379 persons from Wisconsin served in the Civil War and 12,216
14 died as a result; 5,469 persons from Wisconsin served in the Spanish-American War
15 and 134 died as a result; 4,168 persons from Wisconsin were active in the Mexican

1 border service; 122,215 persons from Wisconsin served in World War I and 3,932 died
2 as a result; 332,200 persons from Wisconsin served in World War II and 8,390 died
3 as a result; 132,000 persons from Wisconsin served in the Korean war and 729 died
4 as a result; 165,400 persons from Wisconsin served in the Vietnam War and 1,239
5 died as a result; 400 persons from Wisconsin served in the conflicts in Lebanon and
6 Grenada and one died as a result; 520 persons from Wisconsin served in the conflict
7 in Panama and one died as a result; 10,400 persons from Wisconsin served in
8 Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and 11 died as a result; and 426
9 persons from Wisconsin served in Somalia and 2 died as a result; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin's Medal of Honor winners include Peter Anderson,
11 Jefferson Coates, Richard Cosgriff, James Croft, John Dutham, Horace Ellis,
12 William Ellis, John Hayes, Benjamin Hilliker, John Johnson, Arthur MacArthur,
13 Daniel Moore, Dennis Murphy, Albert O'Connor, John Patterson, George Pond,
14 James Pond, William Sickles, Thomas Toohey, Edwin Truell, Francis Waller, George
15 Albee, Joseph Cable, Theodore Goldin, Frank Hill, Richard Nolan, Marcus Robbins,
16 Clarion Windus, Oscar Brookins, Hugh McGrath, Frank Young, Guy Castle,
17 Abraham De Somer, John Siegel, Clayton Slack, Harold Agerholm, Beauford
18 Anderson, Richard Bong, Elmer Burr, Gerald Endl, Kenneth Gruennert, John
19 Jerstad, Douglas MacArthur, Andrew Miller, Charles Mower, Beryl Newman,
20 Truman Olson, Oscar Peterson, Franklin Van Valkenburgh, Cassin Young, Stanley
21 Christianson, Melvin Handrich, Einar Ingman, Mitchell Red Cloud, Jerome Sudut,
22 Leslie Bellrichard, Harold Fritz, Robert Modrzejewski, Lance Sijan, Kenneth Sampf,
23 Gary Wetzal and William Mitchell; and

1 Whereas, the sacrifices of all Wisconsin veterans, including the sacrifice of the
2 lives of some of them, have brought honor to this state and incalculable benefits to
3 its citizens; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
5 Wisconsin legislature pause during this sesquicentennial year to honor all of
6 Wisconsin's veterans, from the time of statehood until the present; express their
7 gratitude and admiration for their contributions to their state and country; and hope
8 that future military personnel from Wisconsin will be kept safe from harm; and, be
9 it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
11 resolution to the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission.

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