

2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 80

1 **Relating to:** the life of Captain John F. Kurth.

2 Whereas, Captain John F. “Hans” Kurth was born on February 16, 1973, in
3 Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and died on March 13, 2004, as a result of a roadside bomb
4 in Tikrit, Iraq; and

5 Whereas, Captain Kurth graduated with honors from Columbus High School
6 in 1991, where he ran track and contributed to Columbus winning a state football
7 championship; and

8 Whereas, Captain Kurth received an appointment to West Point Military
9 Academy, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and graduated
10 in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in international relations and was
11 commissioned a 2nd lieutenant; and

12 Whereas, Captain Kurth went on to continue his military education by
13 successfully completing: Airborne School; Air Assault Course; Master Fitness
14 Trainer Course; Ranger Course; Infantry Officer Basic Course; Infantry Officer

1 Advance Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; and Bradley Infantry
2 Fighting Vehicle Commander’s Course; and

3 Whereas, Captain Kurth’s military assignments included: rifle platoon leader;
4 anti-armor platoon leader; executive officer; battalion S-4 logistics officer at Fort
5 Bragg, North Carolina, and Albania and Kosovo; assistant S-3 operations officer at
6 Conn Barracks, Germany; battalion S-5 civilian military operations officer in
7 Kosovo; and company commander at Conn Barracks, Germany, and Iraq; and

8 Whereas, Captain Kurth’s awards and decorations include: the Army Service
9 Ribbon; the Humanitarian Service Medal; the Kosovo Service Medal; the National
10 Defense Service Medal (2nd award); Army Achievement Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf
11 Cluster; Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Expert Infantryman Badge; Combat
12 Infantryman Badge; Purple Heart (posthumously); and Bronze Star
13 (posthumously); and

14 Whereas, Captain Kurth made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while
15 advancing the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people; and

16 Whereas, Captain Kurth will always be remembered for his bravery and
17 courage and will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
19 Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Captain John F. “Hans” Kurth, express
20 their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and,
21 be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
23 resolution to Captain Kurth’s father and mother, John and Retta Kurth, of

1 Columbus; to his sister, Mandy Swomia, of Sun Prairie; and to his son, John
2 Aleksander Kurth, of Anderson, South Carolina.

3 (END)