2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

1	Relating to: commending the soldiers serving on active duty in the Middle East and
2	their families and friends and praying for the prompt and safe return of
3	American troops.
4	Whereas, approximately 2,300 members of the Wisconsin army and air
5	national guard, constituting about 24% of the Wisconsin membership, have been
6	called to active duty as the United States mobilizes for war against Iraq; and
7	Whereas, this represents the largest percentage of Wisconsin army and air
8	national guard members that have been activated since 1961; and
9	Whereas, approximately 1,600 members of army reserve, air force reserve,
10	marine corps reserve, and navy reserve units in Wisconsin have been called to active
11	duty; and
12	Whereas, thousands of other sons and daughters of Wisconsin in the full-time
13	military will serve in the Middle East in the war against Iraq; and
14	Whereas, enlisting in the armed forces demonstrates a strong love of country
15	and commitment to the values of our nation; and

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1	Whereas, military service requires great personal sacrifice for modest pay and
2	long periods of being away from family, friends, and community; and troops in the
3	Middle East will face harsh desert conditions; and
4	Whereas, those who enlist put their trust in the wisdom of our nation's leaders,
5	and know that they could, at any time, give their lives for their country; and
6	Whereas, family and friends of soldiers say good-bye to their loved ones with
7	the fear and uncertainty of what lies ahead; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of
9	the state of Wisconsin expresses its support of the men and women of the United
10	States armed forces, including the reserves and national guard, for their courage,
11	dedication, and service to their country; and, be it further
12	Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature commends the family and friends of
13	those soldiers serving on active duty in the Middle East and prays for the prompt and
14	safe return of their loved ones; and, be it further
15	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
16	resolution to the immediate family of each of the Wisconsin residents mobilized for
17	military action in the Middle East.

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