

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

1 **Relating to:** honoring the 4 Wisconsin citizens who lost their lives fighting in Iraq
2 for worldwide freedom.

3 Whereas, the decision to go to war, whatever the goals may be, should never be,
4 and in Operation Iraqi Freedom has not been, made without due consideration of the
5 costs incurred and the costs that transcend more than mere money and include much
6 more valuable commodities, such as human life; and

7 Whereas, Operation Iraqi Freedom began on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, with
8 the intent to liberate the Iraqi people and eliminate the threat that the dictator,
9 Saddam Hussein, presents worldwide; and

10 Whereas, in the execution of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring
11 Freedom, the armed forces have suffered a number of casualties, including deaths,
12 injuries, and the capture of a number of United States service members who were
13 held as prisoners-of-war; and

1 Whereas, the nation has also recognized the service and sacrifice of those
2 members of the armed forces who were killed or missing–in–action with appropriate
3 tributes and days of remembrance; and

4 Whereas, the people of Wisconsin are eternally grateful for the service and
5 sacrifice of their servicemen and servicewomen in support of this country; and

6 Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate to remember all Wisconsinites who served
7 in this conflict, and in particular those who died or were injured, with permanent
8 memorials in their honor; and

9 Whereas, the following Wisconsinites have died in Iraq: Sgt. 1st Class Dan H.
10 Gabrielson, 39, Frederic, died on July 9, 2003; Maj. Mathew E. Schram, 36, died on
11 May 26, 2003; Sgt. Kirk Allen Straseskie, 23, Beaver Dam, died on May 19, 2003; and
12 Spc. Paul J. Sturino, 21, Rice Lake, died on September 22, 2003; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature honor the sacrifice of the 4 Wisconsin citizens who lost their
16 lives fighting for worldwide freedom and mourn their death; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution
18 to the families of each of the 4 members of the armed services from Wisconsin who
19 have died in Iraq.

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