

2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44

1 **Relating to:** honoring the Wisconsin National Guard 32nd Military Police
2 Company.

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin National Guard 32nd Military Police Company was
4 ordered to active duty on March 15, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and
5 deployed to southwest Asia in early May; and

6 Whereas, the unit's mission was to provide security in and around Baghdad and
7 train the new civilian Iraqi police force; and

8 Whereas, the 32nd Military Police Company's 158 soldiers were expected to
9 return home in May 2004 but their service was extended beyond one year to July
10 2004; and

11 Whereas, the soldiers of the 32nd Military Police Company served our country
12 and our state with dignity, with bravery, and with compassion evidenced by their
13 work and support for Iraqi children at the Sisters of Charity Orphanage of Baghdad;
14 and

1 Whereas, the 32nd Military Police Company suffered more injuries from hostile
2 action than any Wisconsin National Guard unit since World War II; and

3 Whereas, the soldiers of the 32nd Military Police Company were awarded 19
4 Bronze Star Medals and 35 Purple Heart Medals during their brave and heroic
5 service. One member of the unit, Specialist Michelle Witmer, gave her life for her
6 unit and her country; and

7 Whereas, the 32nd Military Police Company was awarded the Valorous Unit
8 Award for “extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United
9 States.” The award recognizes heroism by a whole unit equal to that for which an
10 individual would receive the prestigious Silver Star Medal; and

11 Whereas, the 32nd Military Police Company is the first Wisconsin Guard unit
12 to receive the award in the history of the Wisconsin National Guard; and

13 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is forever grateful to the soldiers of the 32nd
14 Military Police Company for their service; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
16 honor the Wisconsin National Guard 32nd Military Police Company for its
17 dedication, bravery, valor, and service to our country and our state; and, be it further

18 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
19 resolution to the soldiers of the Wisconsin National Guard 32nd Military Police
20 Company.

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