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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** the life and service of Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho of the United States Army Reserve, who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas, on May 5, 2006, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho, of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, a member of the United States Army Reserve assigned to the 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, Tennessee, and attached to Company B, 490th Cavalry Squadron, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, United States Army, died as a result of wounds received when an improvised explosive device near Al Hillah, Iraq, struck his vehicle during combat operations in Iraq; and

Whereas, Nathan J. Vacho was born on April 4, 1977, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, was a 1995 graduate of Ladysmith High School, was a 4-year letter winner in football and wrestling, and was a member of the school newspaper staff; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho lived his dream of becoming a soldier just like his dad, John Vacho, grandfather, Tony Vacho, and great uncles, Bill Vacho, Paul Vacho, Emil Vacho, and Milan Vacho; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho began his Army career March 24, 1998, when he enlisted into the Army Reserves as a military firefighter, with later training as a health care specialist; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's military training included Basic Combat Training, Firefighter Course, Practical Nurse Course, and the Emergency Medical Technician Refresher Course; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Vacho provided faithful and honorable service to the people of the United States as generations of his family had done before him; and

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho was laid to rest on Tuesday, May 16, 2006; and

Whereas, the people of Wisconsin and the American people mourn the death of Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Staff Sergeant Nathan Vacho's parents, John and Carol, his daughters, Emma and Bayli, his sister, Ashley, and his grandparents, Anthony J. Vacho, Sr., and Carmen Vacho.

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Senator Alan J. Lasee  
President of the Senate

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Representative John G. Gard  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk