
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and service of Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz of the United States Marine Corps Reserves, who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Whereas, on February 5, 2005, Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz, of West Bend, Wisconsin, a member of the Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, died as a result of wounds received during enemy action in the Babil Province of Iraq; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Wichlacz graduated from West Bend West High School in 2002, where he had been a track, wrestling, and football star and where he will be remembered as a committed, loyal, hardworking man with a radiant smile that “would light up any room he walked into,” according to his former principal; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Wichlacz was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on June 17, 2002, after earning 21 merit badges and installing 6 picnic tables at the Silverbrook Girl Scout Camp of the greater Milwaukee area; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Wichlacz will be remembered as someone who was tough and competitive, as well as someone who, according to his father, “was nothing but good” and “tried hard to follow the rules”; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz provided faithful and honorable service to the people of the state of Wisconsin and the people of the United States, and considered the day he joined the Marines one of the proudest of his life; and

Whereas, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz and thank him, with the deepest respect and gratitude, for his bravery and for making the ultimate sacrifice for his country; and

Whereas, Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz was laid to rest on February 12th, 2005; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Lance Corporal Travis Wichlacz and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Dennis and Virginia Wichlacz of West Bend, Wisconsin, and Laura and David Garcia of Davenport, Iowa.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk