



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 63

1 **Relating to:** the life and service of Staff Sergeant Robert J. Basham of the Wisconsin
2 Army National Guard, who lost his life during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Robert J. Basham of the Wisconsin Army National
4 Guard was born on May 4, 1984, and died of injuries sustained at Camp As Sayliyah
5 in Doha, Qatar, on April 14, 2007; and

6 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Basham was a member of Headquarters Battery, 1st
7 Battalion, 126th Field Artillery of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, and was
8 mobilized in 2005 for a year of overseas service in Kuwait with Company D, 2nd
9 Battalion, 128th Infantry. When his unit returned home, Basham volunteered for
10 another tour of duty, joining a Kansas National Guard unit whose mission was in
11 Iraq; and

12 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Basham had a passion for military service since early
13 childhood and it was this passion that drew him to the Wisconsin Army National
14 Guard, where he provided faithful and honorable service to the people of the state
15 of Wisconsin and the people of the United States; and

1 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Basham, son of Mitchell and Nora Basham of
2 Kenosha, and brother to Brian, Christopher, and Jennifer Basham, was a 2002
3 graduate of the Kenosha Military Academy in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he was a
4 Cadet Battalion Commander, and served on the Color Guard, Rifle Team, and
5 Raider's Team; now, therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
7 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Staff Sergeant Robert
8 J. Basham, mourns his death, and extends its deepest sympathies to his family,
9 friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
11 resolution to his parents, Mitchell and Nora Basham.

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