

## 2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

December 5, 2007 – Introduced by Senator ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representative TRAVIS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the life and military service of Corporal Rachael L. Hugo.

2             Whereas, Corporal Rachael L. Hugo was born May 13, 1983, in Madison,  
3     Wisconsin, and died on October 5, 2007, in Bayji, Iraq, when her unit came under fire  
4     by anti-Iraqi forces; and

5             Whereas, Corporal Hugo served with distinction and compassion as a medic  
6     and member of the 303rd Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion,  
7     89th Military Police Brigade, United State Army Reserve; and

8             Whereas, Corporal Hugo was known as “Combat Barbie” and regularly  
9     volunteered to go out on missions, including her final mission, and told her family  
10    that “being a medic is what I chose to do, and being a medic is what I love to do!” and  
11    that she always wanted to be there for “her guys” in case someone got hurt; and

12            Whereas, Corporal Hugo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple  
13    Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal, all three being presented to her parents  
14    at her funeral service; and

1           Whereas, Corporal Hugo will be remembered by her family as a great student  
2 all through school, making the Dean’s List while working toward her Bachelor’s  
3 Degree in Nursing at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and taking pride  
4 in her fluency in both Spanish and Russian; and

5           Whereas, Corporal Hugo will be remembered by friends and family as an  
6 individual who loved life to the fullest, enjoying many hobbies and activities  
7 including hiking, camping, hunting and fishing, dancing, movies, and shopping with  
8 the people who loved her; and

9           Whereas, Corporal Hugo loved her country and family and was honored to serve  
10 both and will be deeply missed by friends and family and those she served with; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
13 legislature commemorates the remarkable life of Rachael L. Hugo and extends its  
14 deepest sympathies to her family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

15           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
16 resolution to Rachael Hugo’s parents, Kermit and Ruth Hugo, of Madison; her  
17 brother, Scott Hugo, of Madison; her grandmother, Carol Hugo, of Fitchburg; her  
18 great-uncle, Robert Hugo, of Madison; her uncle, Richard Hugo II, of Madison; her  
19 aunt, Valerie Hugo, of Marshall; her aunt Lynn and uncle Tim Shomer and their  
20 family, of Janesville; her uncle Don and aunt Lori Jensen, of McFarland; her uncle,  
21 Richard Jensen, of Madison; her uncle Dennis and aunt Joy Jensen, of New Freedom;  
22 her aunt Betty and uncle Richard Tracy, of Madison; and her aunt, Elaine Backey,  
23 of Madison.

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