

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 94

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senator A. LASEE, cosponsored by Representative BIES. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Sergeant Louis Griese of the United
2 States Army, who lost his life during Operation Enduring Freedom.

3 Whereas, on October 31, 2007, Sergeant Louis Griese, of Sturgeon Bay,
4 Wisconsin, a member of the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade
5 Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, died while serving his country in Tikrit, Iraq;
6 and

7 Whereas, Sergeant Griese provided faithful and honorable service to the people
8 of the state of Wisconsin and to the people of the United States of America; and

9 Whereas, Sergeant Griese is a 1996 graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School. He
10 was described as a quiet student and never got into trouble; his mother said he might
11 have been “the perfect teenager.” Griese was fond of the Halloween holiday and it
12 should come as no surprise that he enjoyed the “Halloween” movie series. His
13 mechanical side had him fixing cars and installing stereo equipment; and

14 Whereas, Sergeant Griese earned many prestigious military awards, including
15 the Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Good Conduct

1 Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq
2 Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War
3 on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional
4 Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon;
5 and

6 Whereas, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Sergeant Griese, a native
7 of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; and

8 Whereas, Sergeant Griese is survived by his wife, Stephanie and their
9 daughter, Skylar of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; his parents, Sue and Jim Frihart of
10 Sturgeon Bay; his sister, Samantha (Tony) Avery and her children, Bradley and
11 Helen Stacie of Green Bay; one step niece, Christina Cheek; step great-nephew
12 Charles Avery; four half brothers, Bruce Griese of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Keith
13 Griese of Green Bay, Dale Griese of Villa Rice, Georgia, and Brandon Griese of Green
14 Bay; four half sisters, Wendy Eslinger of Corvallis, Montana, Cindy Orada of
15 Algoma, Dove Griese of Kewaunee; and Melody Lacey of Kewaunee; a sister-in-law,
16 Sandi (Staff Sergeant Steven Takesly, also serving in Iraq); a brother-in-law, Mark
17 (Cheryl) Tate of Wolfforth, Texas; and his in-laws, Charles and Glenda Tate; and

18 Whereas, Sergeant Griese was preceded in death by his father, John Griese, his
19 grandparents, Philip and Helen Albertson and Harold and John Mabel (Yunk)
20 Griese; and step grandfather, Floyd Jacobs; and

21 Whereas, Sergeant Griese was laid to rest on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at
22 Evergreen Cemetery in Algoma, Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** legislature of the
24 state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Sergeant Louis Griese and
25 extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues; and be it further

1 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
2 resolution to Sergeant Griese’s wife, Stephanie and their daughter, Skylar of Fort
3 Campbell, Kentucky; his parents, Sue and Jim Frihart of Sturgeon Bay; his sister,
4 Samantha (Tony) Avery of Green Bay; his step niece, Christina Cheek; his step
5 great-nephew Charles Avery; his half brothers, Bruce Griese of Beaver Falls,
6 Pennsylvania, Keith Griese of Green Bay, Dale Griese of Villa Rice, Georgia, and
7 Brandon Griese of Green Bay; his half sisters, Wendy Eslinger of Corvallis, Montana,
8 Cindy Orada of Algoma, Dove Griese of Kewaunee; and Melody Lacey of Kewaunee;
9 his sister-in-law, Sandi (Staff Sergeant Steven Takesly, also serving in Iraq); his
10 brother-in-law, Mark (Cheryl) Tate of Wolfforth, Texas; and his in-laws, Charles
11 and Glenda Tate.

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