

2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 12

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, COGGS and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life of Lt. Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez of the United States Army,
2 who lost her life during Operation Enduring Freedom.

3 Whereas, Emily Jazmin Tatum Perez was born in 1983 in Heidelberg,
4 Germany, and later moved to Fort Washington, Maryland; and

5 Whereas, Emily was inspired by the example of her father and her grandfather,
6 who both served in the United State Army; and

7 Whereas, in 1998, while in high school, Emily assisted in starting an
8 HIV–AIDS ministry at Peace Baptist Church and was honored for her work as an
9 AIDS educator by the American Red Cross; and

10 Whereas, in 2001, Emily graduated from Oxon Hill High School and enrolled
11 in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point where she ran track and sang in the
12 gospel choir; and

13 Whereas, Lt. Perez went on to become the first African American woman to
14 serve as brigade command sergeant major in West Point’s history, the third–highest
15 ranking in the cadet chain of command; and

1 Whereas, Lt. Perez graduated from West Point in the top 10 percent of her class.
2 She was deployed to Iraq in December 2005; and

3 Whereas, Lt. Perez served as a medical service corps officer in Iraq, as a
4 member of the 204th Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; and

5 Whereas, Lt. Perez provided faithful and honorable service to the United States
6 of America; and

7 Whereas, on September 12, 2006, Lt. Emily Perez was killed by an improvised
8 explosive device in Al Kifl, Iraq; and

9 Whereas, Lt. Perez was the first female West Point graduate to be killed in Iraq;
10 and

11 Whereas, Lt. Perez's decorations include the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star
12 Medal, the Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army
13 Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge; and

14 Whereas, the people of the United States, and of the state of Wisconsin, mourn
15 the death of Lt. Perez and celebrate the accomplishments of her extraordinary, yet
16 all too short, life; and

17 Whereas, Lt. Perez is survived by her parents, Daniel and Vicki Perez of Fort
18 Washington, and brother, Kevyn; and

19 Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the
20 senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives
21 Sheridan, Schneider, Young, Grigsby, Sinicki, Mason, Fields, Benedict, Turner, and
22 Hintz; now, therefore, be it

