



2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 82

December 11, 2007 – Introduced by Representative TRAVIS, cosponsored by Senator ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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 was “Killed in Action” on October 5, 2007, in Bayji, Iraq, when her
4 unit came under fire by anti-Iraqi forces; and

5 Whereas, Corporal Hugo served with distinction and compassion as a Combat
6 Medic, member of the 79th Military Police Company and was attached to the 303rd
7 Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police
8 Brigade, United State Army Reserve; and

9 Whereas, Corporal Hugo was known as “Combat Barbie,” regularly
10 volunteered to go out on missions, including her final mission, and always wanted
11 to be there for “her guys” in case someone got hurt; and

12 Whereas, Corporal Hugo told her family that “being a medic is what I chose to
13 do, and being a medic is what I love to do!”; and

14 Whereas, Corporal Hugo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple
15 Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Medic Badge, The Army Good

1 Conduct Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service
2 Medal, all awards being presented to her parents at her funeral service, and is
3 receiving another award from the Iraq theater which has not yet been disclosed; and

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

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

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

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
16 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Rachael L. Hugo and
17 extends its deepest sympathies to her family, friends, and colleagues, and, be it
18 further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
20 resolution to Rachael L. Hugo’s parents, Kermit and Ruth Hugo, of Madison; her
21 brother Scott Hugo, of Madison; her Grandmother, Carol Hugo, of Fitchburg; her
22 great-uncle Robert Hugo, of Madison; her uncle, Richard Hugo II, of Madison; her
23 aunt, Valerie Hugo of Marshall; her aunt Lynn and uncle Tim Schommer and their
24 family, of Janesville; her uncle Don and aunt Lori Jensen, of Madison; her uncle
25 Richard Jensen, of Madison; her uncle Dennis and aunt Joy Jensen, of Nekoosa; her

1 aunt Betty and uncle Richard Tracy, of Madison; her aunt Elaine and uncle Kent
2 Backey, of Madison; her uncle David, of Madison; the 79th Military Police Company
3 in Rochester, MN; the 303rd Military Police Company Company in Jackson MI; Fort
4 Snelling, MN; SSG Scott Adams; SFC Michael Nelson; MSGT Le Anne and SFC
5 Edward Trottingwolf; Command Sergeant Major Kevin Nolan; Command Sergeant
6 Major John Vacho and wife Carol; Rachael's roommate in Iraq and dear friend SGT
7 Danielle Krause; Rachael's "Other little brother" SGT William Baker; Operation
8 Hometown Gratitude, of Rochester, MN; and Tate Reynolds, of Token Creek.

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