2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Corporal Hugo was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Meritorious Service Medal, all three being presented to her parents at her funeral service; and
Whereas, Corporal Hugo will be remembered by her family as a great student all through school, making the Dean’s List while working toward her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and taking pride in her fluency in both Spanish and Russian; and

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

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

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

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