



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 38

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Sergeant Daniel James Thompson.

2 Whereas, Sergeant Daniel James Thompson was born August 20, 1984, in
3 Portage, Wisconsin, the son of Bob and Lisa Thompson, and died February 24, 2009,
4 from an improvised explosive device while on active duty in the Kandahar province
5 in southern Afghanistan; and

6 Whereas, Daniel graduated from Portage High School in 2003 and joined the
7 Wisconsin Army National Guard in his junior year to fight in service of his country;
8 and

9 Whereas, Daniel served with distinction during his time in the Wisconsin
10 National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, and while on active duty with the U.S. Army;
11 and

12 Whereas, Daniel was a member of the Individual Ready Reserve and deployed
13 to Afghanistan with the 715th Military Police Company based in Melbourne, Florida;
14 and

1 Whereas, Daniel attended MATC in Portage to earn his degree in criminal
2 justice and law enforcement and hoped to enter the police force upon completion of
3 his military service; and

4 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson posthumously received the Combat Action
5 Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the
6 Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his heroism in service; and

7 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was known by family and friends as an honest
8 and loyal person, and an ambitious and hard-working citizen, who touched the lives
9 of many people in his community; and

10 Whereas, Daniel is survived by his parents, Lisa and Bob Thompson of Portage
11 and his fiancée, Maria Steinke, whom he loved with all of his heart; and

12 Whereas, Daniel was laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery in Packwaukee,
13 Wisconsin, on March 4, 2009; and

14 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson faithfully served the people and the state of
15 Wisconsin and the United States of America and made the ultimate sacrifice for his
16 country to protect our freedom and way of life, while advancing the blessings of
17 liberty and democracy to the Afghani people; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
19 Wisconsin state legislature hereby commend Daniel James Thompson for his
20 exemplary life, express their sorrow at his death, and extend sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution
23 to Daniel's parents, Bob and Lisa Thompson, and to his fiancée, Maria Steinke.

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(END)