



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

1 **Relating to:** the public service of Anthony D. Hardie.

2 Whereas, from 2003 to 2009, Anthony Hardie provided invaluable assistance
3 to us as legislators and to countless of our constituents as the executive assistant for
4 the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), where he was the agency's
5 liaison to the state legislature and to Congress, and he oversaw the department's
6 external affairs; and

7 Whereas, Anthony Hardie capably represented DVA as a member of the
8 Legislative Council special committees on the recodification of the chapters of the
9 Wisconsin Statutes governing veterans affairs and military affairs; and

10 Whereas, from 1999 to 2003, Anthony Hardie was senior field representative
11 for United States Representative Tammy Baldwin, where his areas of responsibility
12 included federal procurement and grants, housing, veterans and military affairs,
13 and economic development; and

14 Whereas, in 1998, Anthony Hardie received his bachelor of science degree with
15 a triple major in international relations, economics, and political science from the

1 University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he participated in the Pre–Law Society, the
2 United States Student Association, Pi Sigma Alpha, the Golden Key International
3 Honor Society, the National Coalition of Student Veterans, Vets for Vets, and the Gulf
4 War Veterans of Wisconsin; and

5 Whereas, Anthony Hardie studied architecture and international relations at
6 the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee from 1994 to 1995, where he was a member
7 of the student senate and attended a United Nations summer seminar; and

8 Whereas, Anthony Hardie proudly and honorably served as a psychological
9 operations specialist with the United States Army from 1986 to 1993, and he saw
10 action in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, in Somalia, and did several additional tours of
11 duty in Africa, and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during the Haitian boat lift refugee
12 crisis; and

13 Whereas, for his many years of dedicated service and sacrifice in the military
14 on behalf of the American people, Anthony Hardie was awarded the Bronze Star, the
15 Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf
16 clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces
17 Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze service
18 stars, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and several other medals, ribbons, and
19 badges; and

20 Whereas, Anthony Hardie is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute at
21 the Presidio of Monterey, California, and the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare
22 Center and School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

23 Whereas, in the years following his active military service, Anthony Hardie has
24 remained thoroughly engaged in and has worked on national policy issues related

1 to the health of deployed service members, redeployment, and Gulf War veterans'
2 illnesses; and

3 Whereas, Anthony Hardie has adroitly worked with numerous governmental
4 and nonprofit organizations on behalf of veterans, including as a panelist for the
5 United States Centers for Disease Control Gulf War Research Planning Conference;
6 an appointed member of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Research
7 Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; a member of the United States
8 Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program Gulf
9 War Illness Research Program Integration Panel; as vice president, national
10 secretary, and board member of the National Gulf War Resource Center; and as
11 national secretary and legislative chair of Veterans of Modern Warfare; and

12 Whereas, Anthony Hardie is a life member of Disabled American Veterans and
13 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a member of AMVETS, the American Legion, and
14 Veterans of Modern Warfare; and

15 Whereas, in 2005 Anthony Hardie received the Disabled American Veterans
16 Department Distinguished Service Award, the organization's highest annual state
17 award, and in 2007 received the AMVETS Department of Wisconsin Legislative
18 Advocacy Award; and

19 Whereas, everyone who worked with Anthony knew that he had the best
20 interests of veterans first and foremost in his heart, that our constituents were in
21 extremely good hands because Anthony was all about solving problems for people,
22 and that he truly was an excellent representative of the Wisconsin Department of
23 Veterans Affairs; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin legislature commend Anthony Hardie for his decades of public service, his

1 contributions to state and federal government, the sacrifices he made serving his
2 country as a member of the United States armed forces, and the work he has done
3 on behalf of veterans across this state and nation.

4 (END)