



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 66

July 28, 2009 – Introduced by Representative NYGREN, cosponsored by Senator HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Private First Class Steven Drees.

2 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees was born on May 26, 1990, to Paul
3 Drees and Dawn Bayer, and died on June 28, 2009, as a result of combat-related
4 wounds suffered on June 24, 2009, while honorably serving his country in
5 Afghanistan; and

6 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees was a 2008 graduate of Peshtigo
7 High School and enlisted in the United States Army National Guard prior to
8 graduation; and

9 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees served with distinction in the 2nd
10 Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry
11 Division, United States Army, when he was assigned to serve a one-year tour in
12 Afghanistan; and

13 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees was the gunner on a Humvee in
14 Konar Province on June 24, 2009, when his unit was ambushed; and

1 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees was wounded during the attack, but
2 continued to defend his unit ensuring no other soldiers were wounded and
3 compelling one of his unit to state, “No one else was hurt and it’s because of Drees
4 that no one else got hurt. He did his job and he did it well. He kept us safe. He is
5 a hero to all of us.”; and

6 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees was awarded the Bronze Star Medal
7 with “V” device to denote valor, the Purple Heart Medal, the Army Good Conduct
8 Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with
9 Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service
10 Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Infantryman
11 Badge, the Overseas Service Bar, and the Expert Weapons Qualification Badge; and

12 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees’ family and fellow citizens are very
13 proud of him and know that he died honorably serving the nation; and

14 Whereas, Private First Class Steven Drees embodied the Army’s core values of
15 loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage and he
16 is sorely missed; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
18 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of United States Army
19 Private First Class Steven Drees and extends its deepest sympathies to his family,
20 friends, and colleagues; and

21 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of
22 this joint resolution to his parents, Paul Drees and Dawn Bayer.