



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 104

January 22, 2010 – Introduced by Representative NELSON, cosponsored by Senator COWLES.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Sergeant Nickolas A. Mueller.

2 Whereas, Sergeant Nickolas A. Mueller was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, on
3 June 21, 1983, to Larry and Sharon Mueller, and died on October 26, 2009, in a
4 helicopter crash while on active duty in the Badghis Province of northwestern
5 Afghanistan; and

6 Whereas, Nickolas graduated from Little Chute High School in 2002, where he
7 was a member of the football, wrestling, and track teams, played saxophone in the
8 band, participated in choir and musicals, and was elected homecoming king by his
9 classmates; and

10 Whereas, Nickolas joined the Army in June 2004, following in the footsteps of
11 his grandfather, father, and uncles who also served, attended basic training at Fort
12 Jackson, South Carolina, and advanced individual training at Fort Eustis, Virginia;
13 and

14 Whereas, Nickolas served with the 252nd Aviation Battalion at Camp
15 Humphries, South Korea, and later as a member of the U.S. Army's 160th Special

1 Operations Aviation Regiment and a crew chief on a Chinook helicopter at Hunter
2 Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia; and

3 Whereas, Nickolas reenlisted in the Army twice and was on his third
4 deployment to Afghanistan; and

5 Whereas, Nickolas served with distinction, earning numerous awards
6 including the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army
7 Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Basic Aviation
8 Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean
9 Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Meritorious
10 Service Medals, five Air Medals, and three Bronze Star Medals; and

11 Whereas, Nickolas was known by family and friends as an energetic, kind,
12 generous, and gregarious person who deeply loved the country he called home; and

13 Whereas, Nickolas touched the lives of many people in his community, and was
14 mourned by thousands at a memorial service in Little Chute on November 7, 2009;
15 and

16 Whereas, Nickolas is survived by his parents, Larry and Sharon Mueller of
17 Little Chute; his brother, John and his wife, Stefani; and his girlfriend, Heather
18 Hockett, all of whom he loved dearly; and

19 Whereas, Nickolas was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on
20 November 16, 2009, courageously served the people and the state of Wisconsin and
21 the United States of America and made the ultimate sacrifice for his country to
22 protect our freedom and way of life, while advancing the blessings of liberty and
23 democracy to the Afghani people; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin state legislature hereby commend Nickolas Mueller for his exemplary life,

1 express their sorrow at his death, and extend sincere condolences to his family,
2 friends, and colleagues; and

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of
4 this joint resolution to Larry and Sharon Mueller, John and Stefani Mueller, and
5 Heather Hockett.

6 (END)