



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

1       **Relating to:** the life and military service of United States Army Pfc. Jacob A. Gassen  
2           (Jake).

3           Whereas, Jacob was born on November 19, 1989, in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to  
4       Gregory and Barbara Gassen, and died on November 29, 2010, of injuries sustained  
5       when an insurgent attacked his unit with small arms fire in Nangarhar province,  
6       Afghanistan; and

7           Whereas, Jacob was a 2008 graduate of Beaver Dam High School in Beaver  
8       Dam, Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, and enlisted in the  
9       United States Army in 2009; and

10          Whereas, Jacob served with distinction in the United States Army 1st  
11       Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne  
12       Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

13          Whereas, Jacob's family and fellow citizens are very proud of him and know that  
14       he died doing what he wanted to do: serve the nation and fight for freedom; and

