



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

January 10, 2012 – Introduced by Senator S. FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representative J. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

1           Whereas, Jacob embodied the Army’s core values of loyalty, duty, respect,  
2 selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal service and he will be sorely missed;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of  
5 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Jacob A. Gassen and  
6 extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it  
7 further

8           ***Resolved, That*** that the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
9 resolution to Jacob’s parents, Gregory and Barbara Gassen.

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