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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** recognizing the contribution of the men and women of the Wisconsin Air National Guard to Operation Unified Protector in freeing the Libyan nation from tyranny.

Whereas, Colonel Edward E. Metzgar and members from both the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 115th Fighter Wing and the 128th Air Refueling Wing, deployed in support of Operation Unified Protector as part of the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing; and

Whereas, the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing supported Operation Unified Protector, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization-led mission in Libya to protect civilian-populated areas under threat of attack from the Gadhafi regime; and

Whereas, the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing served as a representation of a total force team that supported combat operations over Libya through the enforcement of United Nation's Resolution 1973; and

Whereas, the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing, led by a significant amount of men and women "Flying Badgers," from the great state of Wisconsin, played a significant part in the fall of dictator Muammar Gadhafi; and

Whereas, men and women from both the 115th Fighter Wing and 128th Air Refueling Wing led a team of a variety of airmen from units in the Nebraska, Utah, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, and Iowa Air National Guard as well as units from Grissom, MacDill, McConnell, Grand Forks, Fairchild, Travis, McGuire, Seymour-Johnson, and Scott Air Force and Air Reserve Bases; and

Whereas, the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing, along with its other North Atlantic Treaty Organization operational counterparts, including the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and allies, were responsible for the protection of thousands of Libyan civilian men, women, and children; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature hereby recognizes the men and women of the Wisconsin Air National Guard's contribution to Operation Unified Protector.

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Representative Jeff Fitzgerald  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk