
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life of Captain John F. Kurth.

Whereas, Captain John F. “Hans” Kurth was born on February 16, 1973, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and died on March 13, 2004, as a result of a roadside bomb in Tikrit, Iraq; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth graduated with honors from Columbus High School in 1991, where he ran track and contributed to Columbus winning a state football championship; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth received an appointment to West Point Military Academy, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and graduated in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in international relations and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth went on to continue his military education by successfully completing: Airborne School; Air Assault Course; Master Fitness Trainer Course; Ranger Course; Infantry Officer Basic Course; Infantry Officer Advance Course; Combined Arms and Services Staff School; and Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Commander’s Course; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth’s military assignments included: rifle platoon leader; anti-armor platoon leader; executive officer; battalion S–4 logistics officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Albania and Kosovo; assistant S–3 operations officer at Conn Barracks, Germany; battalion S–5 civilian military operations officer in Kosovo; and company commander at Conn Barracks, Germany, and Iraq; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth’s awards and decorations include: the Army Service Ribbon; the Humanitarian Service Medal; the Kosovo Service Medal; the National Defense Service Medal (2nd award); Army Achievement Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Parachutist Badge; Ranger Tab; Expert Infantryman Badge; Combat Infantryman Badge; Purple Heart (posthumously); and Bronze Star (posthumously); and

Whereas, Captain Kurth made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while advancing the cause of freedom for the Iraqi people; and

Whereas, Captain Kurth will always be remembered for his bravery and courage and will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Captain John F. “Hans” Kurth, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Captain Kurth’s father and mother, John and Retta Kurth, of Columbus; to his sister, Mandy Swomia, of Sun Prairie; and to his son, John Aleksander Kurth, of Anderson, South Carolina.

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk