



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

January 9, 2007 – Introduced by Senator LAZICH, cosponsored by Representative GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Captain Rhett W. Schiller.

2 Whereas, Captain Rhett W. Schiller was born on November 7, 1980, in Racine,
3 Wisconsin, and died on November 16, 2006, in Balad Ruz, Iraq, while his unit was
4 engaged with small arms fire by anti-Iraqi forces; and

5 Whereas, Captain Schiller served with distinction as the Executive Officer for
6 Troop C, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd
7 Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

8 Whereas, Captain Schiller attended the International School of Amsterdam
9 and graduated from the Shanghai American School in May of 1999; and

10 Whereas, Captain Schiller graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West
11 Point, where he majored in Chinese, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of
12 infantry in May of 2003; and

13 Whereas, Captain Schiller completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the
14 Basic Airborne Course, and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was
15 assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, was a platoon leader in Company B, 3rd

1 Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and later the Executive Officer for
2 Company A; and

3 Whereas, Captain Schiller was given the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart,
4 Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service
5 Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army
6 Service Ribbon, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert
7 Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and graduated from the
8 Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader’s Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, as the
9 honor graduate; and

10 Whereas, Captain Schiller was known for caring for his fellow soldiers, raising
11 spirits, and touching the lives of everyone he met; and

12 Whereas, Captain Schiller made his family, his friends, and his country
13 extremely proud of his courage and bravery as he made the ultimate sacrifice in
14 service of his nation in fighting for the course of freedom; now, therefore be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
16 Wisconsin legislature honor Captain Rhett W. Schiller for his dedication to his
17 country and express their heartfelt sorrow and deepest sympathies to his family and
18 friends; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
20 resolution to Captain Schiller’s parents, William and Karla of Waterford, Wisconsin;
21 his fiancée, Tiffany Phelps of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his brother, Marine
22 Captain Ryan Schiller, sister-in-law, Martha, and niece, Olivia, of Temecula,
23 California; his sister, Rhonda Sutaria and brother-in-law, Raj, of Long Island, New
24 York; his sister, Renee Ray, brother-in-law, Captain Brian Ray, and nephew, Kyle,
25 of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; his grandmother, Augustine Evelyn Schiller of

1 Burlington, Wisconsin; his uncle and aunt, Jacob and Mary Klam of Madison,
2 Wisconsin; his aunt and uncle, Mary and Richard Tremmel of Waterford, Wisconsin;
3 his aunt and uncle, Susan and Royal Latshaw of Macomb, Michigan; and his best
4 friend, Neil Munger of Racine, Wisconsin.

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