

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

January 10, 2008 – Introduced by Senator S. FITZGERALD, cosponsored by Representative KLEEFISCH. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: the life and military service of Corporal Matthew Ross Zindars.
2	Whereas, Corporal Matthew Zindars, of Watertown, Wisconsin, was born on
3	September 12, 1985, and died on July 24, 2007, following injuries resulting from a
4	roadside bomb explosion while on patrol with his unit in the Diyala Province, Iraq;
5	and
6	Whereas, Cpl. Zindars served with honor and distinction in the 2nd Battalion,
7	11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force stationed
8	in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and his second tour of duty; and
9	Whereas, Cpl. Zindars attended Trinity-St. Luke's Grade School and
10	graduated from Watertown High School in 2004, where he was an exemplary
11	student, friend to many, and known for his kindness and sense of humor; and
12	Whereas, while still in high school, Cpl. Zindars fulfilled a childhood dream and
13	enlisted with the Marine Corps reflecting his desire to achieve the highest physical
14	and mental goals for himself, and to dedicate himself to serving his country with
15	honor, compassion, and skill; and

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1	Whereas, Cpl. Zindars always sought out the most demanding tasks, including
2	working with artillery, and as a marine, he exhibited selflessness and patriotism and
3	requested a second tour of duty following his first in 2006 because he believed his
4	fellow marines and his country needed him; and
5	Whereas, his life was well-lived and filled with activities like snowboarding,
6	skiing, jet skiing, rock climbing, and other games, and he spent time with friends who
7	considered him to be the best of the best and family who considered him a model son;
8	and
9	Whereas, Matthew believed in the just cause of bringing liberty to the people
10	of Iraq, through his enduring spirit in the hope that they would one day be able to
11	embrace the freedom of the life that he so cherished; and
12	Whereas, he will forever be remembered as a true hero by those who knew him
13	and for his patriotism, determination, selflessness, and his love for family and
14	friends; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
16	Wisconsin legislature, on behalf of a grateful state, honor Corporal Matthew Ross
17	Zindars for his noble service to our country and extend condolences 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 Corporal Zindars' mother, Lynn Zindars, to his father, Kenneth
21	Zindars, to his sisters, Tracy Kempf–Reichardt and Jennifer Kempf–Wilson, and to
22	his brother, Mark Zindars.
23	(END)