



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

March 1, 2013 – Introduced by Senator MOULTON, cosponsored by Representative SUDER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of United States Army Staff Sergeant
2 Joseph James Altmann.

3 Whereas, Joseph was born on December 15, 1984, in Marshfield, Wisconsin, to
4 John and Janice Altmann and died on December 25, 2011, of injuries sustained when
5 an insurgent attacked his unit in Kunar Province, Afghanistan; and

6 Whereas, Joseph was a 2003 graduate of Columbus Catholic High School and
7 attended the University of Wisconsin–Marshfield/Wood County and the University
8 of Wisconsin–Marathon County; and

9 Whereas, Joseph entered the United States Army and attended basic training
10 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, graduating in July 2005; and

11 Whereas, Joseph further trained as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston in San
12 Antonio, Texas, graduating in November 2005; and

13 Whereas, Joseph was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery
14 Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, Giessen, Germany, and served his first tour of duty
15 in Iraq from 2006 to 2007; and

1 Whereas, Joseph was assigned to Walter Reed Hospital as a medic and later
2 assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team,
3 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and

4 Whereas, Joseph was awarded the Expert Field Medic Badge in October 2010
5 after further training and the completion of a multi-day testing course; of the 160
6 participants that started, only 12 completed the course and were awarded the badge;
7 and

8 Whereas, Joseph served his second tour of duty in Iraq in 2009 and started his
9 third tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2011; and

10 Whereas, Joseph married Nikki Lee Nichols on February 15, 2011, in Honolulu,
11 Hawaii; and

12 Whereas, Joseph embodied the Army's core values of loyalty, duty, respect,
13 selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal service and will be remembered for his
14 quiet demeanor and unwavering friendship; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the legislature of
16 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Joseph James Altmann
17 and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it
18 further

19 *Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
20 resolution to Joseph's parents, John and Janice Altmann, and his wife, Nikki.

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