



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

January 24, 2017 - Introduced by Senator VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representative KOOYENGA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the public service of Army Staff Sergeant Matthew Thompson.

2 Whereas, Sergeant Matthew Vail Thompson was born on June 22, 1988, in
3 Brookfield, Wisconsin, to Mark and Lynda Thompson and died on August 23, 2016,
4 in the Helmand province of Afghanistan, while in the line of duty; and

5 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was a 2006 graduate of Brookfield Central High
6 School in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and while attending Brookfield Central High
7 School, he was an active member of the band and football team; and

8 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson attended the College of Arts and Sciences at
9 Marquette University, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and worked as a resident assistant
10 in O'Donnell Hall during his time at Marquette; and

11 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson went on to complete his undergraduate degree
12 at Concordia University in Irvine, California, where he met his wife, Rachel
13 Thompson; and

1 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson, a Green Beret, enlisted in the Army in March
2 2011 and was selected for the Company A, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group
3 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; and

4 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson, deployed as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant,
5 supported Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Operation Freedom's Sentinel in
6 Afghanistan; and

7 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was awarded the Army Commendation Medal,
8 Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on
9 Terrorism Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign
10 Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Basic Parachutist Badge,
11 and Special Forces Tab; and

12 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson honorably served the United States of America
13 as a Green Beret and as a Medical Sergeant in the Army Special Forces and was
14 posthumously awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal with the "V"
15 device, and the Purple Heart Medal; and

16 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson died in the line of duty on August 23, 2016, at the
17 age of 28; and

18 Whereas, on that day, Sergeant Thompson entered the Helmand province of
19 Afghanistan, where Taliban conflict had been escalating, and was killed by a
20 roadside bomb; and

21 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson bravely gave his life to uphold the safety and
22 freedom of American citizens; and

23 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson valiantly committed himself to protect and
24 faithfully serve his country, and he will be deeply missed; and

1 Whereas, Sergeant Thompson was the cherished husband of Rachel Thompson,
2 son of Mark and Lynda Thompson, brother of Karen and Robyn Thompson, and
3 treasured friend to many, and his family and fellow citizens are proud to have known
4 him and appreciate his unwavering devotion to family and country; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
7 the state of Wisconsin honors the remarkable life of Sergeant Matthew Thompson
8 and extends its sincere sympathies to his family, friends, and comrades; and, be it
9 further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
11 resolution to Sergeant Thompson's family.

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