

## State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 **LEGISLATURE**

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## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 127

February 3, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives Kurtz, Plumer, Tittl, FELZKOWSKI, WICHGERS, MILROY, PETRYK, THIESFELDT, MURPHY, ALLEN, HESSELBEIN, KERKMAN, HORLACHER, QUINN, JAMES, SUBECK, KRUG, EDMING, KULP and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, CARPENTER, JACQUE and NASS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing the 29th anniversary of the start of Operation Desert
2	Storm on January 17, 1991, and honoring the veterans of this conflict.
3	Whereas, Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein invaded the nation of Kuwait on
4	August 2, 1990; and
5	Whereas, the United States and its NATO allies quickly mobilized to defend
6	Saudi Arabia in an effort code-named Operation Desert Shield; and
7	Whereas, after Hussein refused to withdraw, President George H. W. Bush
8	announced on January 16, 1991, that the United States would fight
9	"shoulder-to-shoulder" with its allies to liberate Kuwait; and
10	Whereas, Operation Desert Storm began on January 17, 1991, with an air
11	campaign that swiftly destroyed Iraqi artillery, tanks, and armored vehicles, and led
12	to mass Iraqi desertions; and
13	Whereas, this relentless and technologically advanced aerial assault paved the
14	way for a fast-moving ground offensive that began on February 24, 1991, and
15	succeeded within 100 hours; and

1	Whereas, nearly 700,000 American troops deployed to the Persian Gulf,
2	fighting against not only Iraqi forces, but also environmental challenges like high
3	heat, sand, and wind; and
4	Whereas, ten Wisconsinites lost their lives in the course of this conflict, which
5	ended after President Bush declared a cease-fire on February 28, 1991; and
6	Whereas, Congress enacted legislation in 2014 authorizing the establishment
7	of a monument in Washington, D.C., called the National Desert Storm and Desert
8	Shield Memorial; and
9	Whereas, Wisconsin veterans have raised funds and awareness for this
10	monument; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
12	Legislature honors the Wisconsin men and women who served in Operation Desert
13	Storm and recognizes their sacrifices on the 29th anniversary of January 17, 1991.
14	(END)