



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

September 22, 2005 - Introduced by Senator BROWN, cosponsored by Representative MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Specialist Charles A. Kaufman.

2 Whereas, Specialist Charles A. Kaufman, of Fairchild, Wisconsin, was born on
3 October 19, 1984, and died on June 26, 2005, after an improvised explosive device
4 detonated while he was returning from a mission in Baghdad, Iraq; and

5 Whereas, Spc. Kaufman served with honor and distinction as a member of
6 Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, part of the "Red Arrow" Brigade,
7 stationed in Samarra, Iraq, as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

8 Whereas, he graduated from Osseo-Fairchild High School in 2003, and spent
9 the following year at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Neillsville, Wisconsin;
10 and

11 Whereas, he valued time with his family — his parents Mark and Celeste, his
12 sister Samantha, his grandparents, and his cousin Kelly, whom he followed into the
13 Wisconsin National Guard; and

1 Whereas, Spc. Kaufman was devoted to protecting his country, evidenced by his
2 steadfast determination to serve in the Iraqi War, even after he fell 15 feet from a tree
3 and broke several ribs, punctured his lung, and lost his spleen; and

4 Whereas, Spc. Kaufman believed in the worthy cause of bringing freedom to the
5 Iraqi people, but most importantly to the children of Iraq, whose smiles and cheers
6 inspired him to do his job well; and

7 Whereas, he was passionate about driving, from his first time behind the wheel
8 of a riding mower at the age of 7, to countless rides driving trucks, tractors, boats,
9 ATVs, and motorcycles, to carrying out his mission driving the Humvee in which he
10 lost his life; and

11 Whereas, he had a competitive spirit, whether shooting pool or participating in
12 archery contests at the Fairchild Rod-N-Gun, where he won several archery
13 trophies through the years; and

14 Whereas, Spc. Kaufman will always be remembered for his patriotism, his love
15 for his family and friends, and his trademark grin that showed his unbridled
16 kindness and generosity towards others; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
18 Wisconsin legislature, on behalf of a grateful state, honor Specialist Charles A.
19 Kaufman for his noble service to our country and extend their condolences to his
20 family and friends; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
22 resolution to Specialist Kaufman’s parents, Mark and Celeste Kaufman, to his sister,
23 Samantha Kaufman, to his grandparents, Geraldine Kaufman and Harold and

1 Christina Frazee, to his great grandmother, Doloris DeMoss, and to his cousin, Kelly
2 Kaufman.

3 (END)