

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 2

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk