



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

April 26, 2017 - Introduced by Senators ROTH, MILLER, WIRCH, MARKLEIN, CARPENTER, HANSEN, LASEE, HARSDF, ERPENBACH, SHILLING, WANGGAARD, BEWLEY, PETROWSKI, MOULTON, RINGHAND, VINEHOUT and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, SKOWRONSKI, GOYKE, KRUG, BALLWEG, MILROY, PETRYK, SPIROS, HEBL, KOLSTE, WEATHERSTON, SINICKI, THIESFELDT, KOOYENGA, GANNON, KERKMAN, KULP, MACCO, SARGENT, ALLEN, TAUCHEN, ROHRKASTE, SPREITZER, NOVAK, BERCEAU, WACHS, MASON, HORLACHER, DOYLE, RIEMER, CONSIDINE, RIPP, SUBECK, JACQUE, ANDERSON, OHNSTAD, KREMER, FIELDS, POPE, SUMMERFIELD, GENRICH, E. BROOKS, CROWLEY, TITTL, EDMING, KNODL, TUSLER and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commending the 32nd Infantry Division on its 100th anniversary.

2             Whereas, the 32nd Infantry Division was formed in July 1917 at Camp  
3     MacArthur in Waco, Texas, and was made up of National Guard units from both  
4     Wisconsin and Michigan; and

5             Whereas, over the last 100 years much has changed, including missions,  
6     personnel, technology, and our culture, but the passion and commitment to the  
7     profession of arms in the defense of our nation and preservation of our freedoms is  
8     as strong today as it was in 1917; and

9             Whereas, the 32nd Division was comprised of 15,000 National Guardsmen from  
10     the state of Wisconsin, the largest unit in the Wisconsin National Guard, and  
11     designated the Red Arrow Division due to the unit shoulder patch designed to depict  
12     a red arrow, shot through a line denoting that it pierced every battle line it ever faced;  
13     and

14             Whereas, in World War I the 32nd Division fought in three major offensives,  
15     engaging and defeating 23 German divisions with such ferocity it was described by

1 its French allies as “Les Terribles,” and recognized as the first combat unit to  
2 penetrate into Germany; and

3 Whereas, the 32nd Division, reactivated in October 1940 for campaigns in  
4 World War II, was among the first United States divisions to deploy as an entire unit  
5 overseas and engage the enemy, experiencing hundreds of days of combat by the end  
6 of the war; and

7 Whereas, the 32nd Division was deactivated in 1946, but the legacy of the 32nd  
8 Division continues as a Wisconsin National Guard unit reorganized in 1967 as the  
9 32nd Infantry Brigade, made up of more than 3,400 soldiers, headquartered in Camp  
10 Douglas, Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
12 Legislature celebrates the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the 32nd  
13 Infantry Division and honors its service to the people of Wisconsin and the United  
14 States of America.

15 (END)