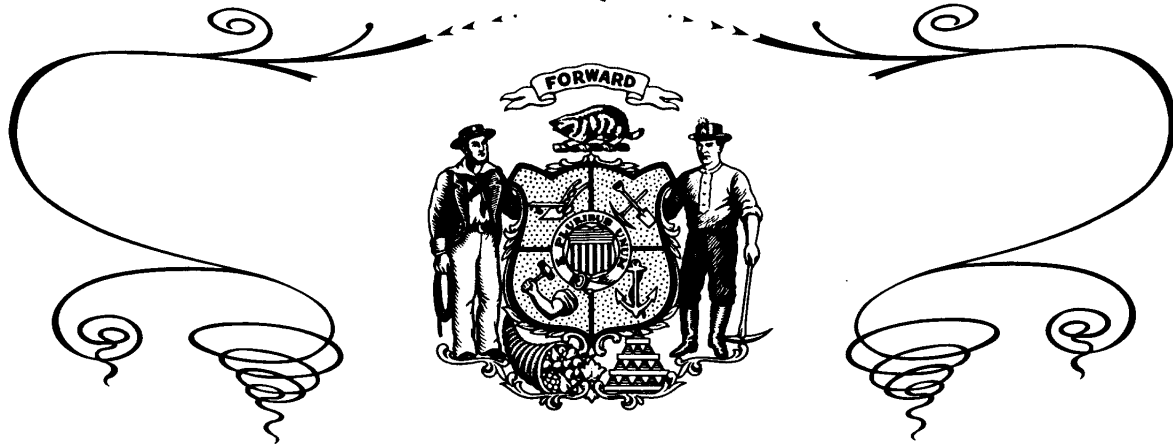


# State of Wisconsin



1997 Senate Joint Resolution 23

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** commemorating the deaths of 3 U.S. air force reservists from the Milwaukee area.

Whereas, on April 1, 1997, a U.S. air force reserve cargo plane crashed in Honduras, and of the 10 persons who were on that plane, 7 were injured and 3 died; and

Whereas, that aircraft was based at Mitchell Field in Milwaukee, and 8 of the 10 persons on it were residents of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the 3 reservists who died were Senior Master Sergeant Leland Rassmussen of Greenfield, Staff Sergeant Vicki Clifton of Oak Creek and Senior Airman Samuel Keene of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, the fact that 3 residents of Wisconsin died, and 7 other persons were injured, during a U.S. air force reserve mission should remind us all that, while serving their nation and their states, reservists on occasion courageously face danger and even death; and

Whereas, this tragedy should lead to increased appreciation of, and commitment to, our reservists; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature express their sorrow over the deaths of Senior Master Sergeant Leland Rassmussen, Staff Sergeant Vicki Clifton and Senior Airman Samuel Keene; extend their condolences to those reservists' families, including their 440 Airlift Wing family; express their hope that the injured members of the crew recover quickly and completely; and recognize the benefits that the reservists on that flight and all other reservists have provided to this nation; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the families of the 3 reservists who died in the line of duty and to the 7 injured reservists.

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Representative Ben Brancel  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Donald J. Schneider  
Senate Chief Clerk