



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

February 21, 2006 - Introduced by Senator HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representative RHOADES. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and military service of Specialist Benjamin A. Smith.

2 Whereas, Specialist Benjamin A. Smith, of Hudson, Wisconsin, was born on
3 July 5, 1984, and died on November 2, 2005, after an improvised explosive device
4 detonated near his vehicle outside of Baghdad, Iraq; and

5 Whereas, Spc. Smith served with honor and distinction as a member of the
6 army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st
7 Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

8 Whereas, Spc. Smith was a dedicated member of the Minnesota wing of the civil
9 air patrol in Lake Elmo while attending Hudson High School, graduating in 2002;
10 and

11 Whereas, he valued time with his family: his parents, James and Lenore; his
12 brother, Orion; his sister, Brianna; his grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins; and

13 Whereas, Spc. Smith was devoted to protecting his country, evidenced by his
14 steadfast determination to serve in the Iraq War; and

1 Whereas, Spc. Smith believed in the worthy cause of bringing freedom to the
2 Iraqi people, and was anxious to return to Iraq for his 2nd tour of duty; and

3 Whereas, he enjoyed karate as a child and later became interested in off-road
4 activities, hunting, and playing music; and

5 Whereas, he was known for his hard-working attitude while working as a
6 welder at Empire Bucket, Inc., as well as showing his gentle and caring side as a dog
7 handler at the old St. Croix Meadows greyhound park; and

8 Whereas, Spc. Smith will always be remembered for his patriotism,
9 adventurous spirit, and love for his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** that the members
11 of the Wisconsin legislature, on behalf of a grateful state, honor Specialist Benjamin
12 A. Smith for his noble service to our country and extend their condolences to his
13 family and friends; and, be it further

14 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
15 resolution to Specialist Smith's parents, James and Lenore Smith, to his brother,
16 Orion, to his sister, Brianna, to his paternal grandparents, Joyce Smith and Brian
17 and Ann Smith, and to his maternal grandparents, Henry and Brenda Quandt.

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