



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 55

September 15, 2011 - Introduced by Representative THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senator KING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Craig Allen Birkholz.

2 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz was born on April 5, 1982, in Kenosha,
3 Wisconsin, the son of William and Gay Anne Birkholz; and

4 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz graduated from Tremper High School in
5 Kenosha, Wisconsin, in the spring of 2000 and was a Kenosha Police Department
6 Explorer Scout; and

7 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz honorably served in the U.S. Army 511th
8 Military Police Company, 10th Mountain Division, out of Fort Drum, New York,
9 attaining the rank of sergeant and serving in Afghanistan from January 30, 2002,
10 to August 22, 2002, and in Iraq from March 10, 2003, to February 26, 2004; and

11 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz was the recipient of the Army Commendation
12 Medal 2nd Award, Army Achievement Medal 2nd Award, Good Conduct Medal,
13 National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on
14 Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's

1 Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, the Expert Marksmanship
2 Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Driver Mechanic Badge; and

3 Whereas, in December 2008 Craig Allen Birkholz graduated cum laude from
4 the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a bachelors degree in criminal justice;
5 and

6 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz was hired by the city of Fond du Lac police
7 department on May 11, 2009, where he proudly wore and kept his badge
8 untarnished; and

9 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz married Ashley Czarnowski on September 19,
10 2009, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church; and

11 Whereas, on Sunday, March 20, 2011, Craig Allen Birkholz heard the calls of
12 “shots fired” and “officer down” and promptly responded with haste and disregard
13 for his own safety to the aid of his fellow officers; and

14 Whereas, Craig Allen Birkholz, at the age of 28, laid down his life while
15 attempting to save the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature commend the life and public service of Craig Allen Birkholz,
18 mourn his passing, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be
19 it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
21 resolution to Craig Allen Birkholz’s wife, Ashley, and their family.

22 (END)