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Public Hearing Held to Honor Wisconsin Hero, Staff Sergeant Daniel D. Busch

Today I am honored to share the story of a Wisconsin hero, Staff Sergeant Daniel D. Busch. The Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs held a public hearing on Senate Bill 84 (SB 84), to designate and mark STH 33 in Columbia County as the Staff Sergeant Daniel D. Busch Memorial Highway, authored by myself and Representative Considine.

The bill honors the service and heroism of a young veteran who gave his life for his country. Staff Sergeant Busch was a U.S. Army Ranger and member of the U.S. Army Special Operations Delta Force. He was a posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile enemy force on October 3, 1993 for his actions while serving as a Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia.

During the operation, the helicopter that he was in was shot down by enemy fire. He immediately exited the aircraft, took control of a key intersection, and provided suppressive fire against overwhelming enemy forces. In the course of these heroic actions, he received his fatal wound while ensuring the survival of his fellow team members. He is a hero not only to his fellow Task Force Rangers, but to his wife, child, and mourning community.

This bill publicly honors this Wisconsin hero who sacrificed his life for his fellow soldiers, and for his country. Today this service hero was honored, and his tremendous character and integrity deserves to live on through a public road naming.

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