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Racine JROTC Instructors to be Named Assembly ‘Hometown Heroes’

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Major Jason Hauser and Sergeant First Class Guadalupe Berrios Jr. from Racine Unified School District as “Hometown Heroes” at the upcoming Assembly session on May 15th.

Major Hauser and Sergeant First Class Berrios were nominated by their State Representative, Bob Wittke (R-Racine), for their role as Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) program instructors at Washington Park High School in Racine. With the vision of the Army JROTC being to provide a quality citizenship, character, and leadership development program, Major Hauser and Sergeant First Class Berrios are making positive, lasting contributions to the Racine youth and community.

“It is an honor to host and recognize JROTC instructors and members in our Assembly Chambers,” said Assembly Majority Leader Steineke (R-Kaukauna), who selected Major Hauser and Sergeant First Class Berrios to receive the award. “The work they are doing to foster leadership and community activity in Racine is something to be applauded.”

The Assembly will host not only Major Hauser and Sergeant First Class Berrios, but also Washington Park High School JROTC members in the Assembly Chambers as they post the colors and lead the pledge before the day’s session begins.

“At a time when positive leadership development for our young people in Racine is sorely needed, these two gentlemen – both retired military – have worked tirelessly to establish and grow the JROTC program for Park High School students,” said Rep. Wittke. “The program boasts 100% graduation rate for its participants with the number of participants having grown from 40 to 106 in its two years of service. These gentlemen are well-deserving of the award.”

The Wisconsin State Assembly sees giving back to the community as one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. The Assembly Hometown Heroes program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and in the lives of those around them. Hometown Hero Award winners are invited and introduced as a special guest at an Assembly floor session and given the opportunity to speak.

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