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**Rep. Fitzgerald Crowns Dr. Mabel Schumacher as Fort Atkinson's
Hometown Hero**

MADISON – Rep. Joan Fitzgerald (D-Fort Atkinson) awarded Fort Atkinson resident Dr. Mabel Schumacher, longtime World War II and K9 veterans advocate, with the Hometown Hero Award during today's Assembly floor session. Rep. Fitzgerald released the following statement:

"I am incredibly humbled to have the honor of presenting Dr. Mabel Schumacher with the Hometown Hero Award today. Mabel has become a household name in Fort Atkinson, working tirelessly to recognize the sacrifices made by veterans and their K9 companions. Time and time again, she has exhibited remarkable dedication to cultivating a strong sense of community in our area.

"On its ten-year anniversary, Mabel is credited with establishing today, March 13, as K9 Veterans Day in the State of Wisconsin. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the WWII and K9 veterans memorials in Fort Atkinson. Most recently, she was awarded the National Medal of Honor, the most prestigious honor bestowed by the Daughters of the American Revolution, for her qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service, and patriotism. It is for these efforts, and countless more, that we honor her today.

"For her entire life, Mabel has demonstrated exceptional patriotism and selflessness through her commitment to public service. By honoring the lives of soldiers, law enforcement, veterans, and surviving families, she has become a Fort Atkinson treasure. With these extraordinary contributions, Mabel Schumacher embodies what it means to be a Hometown Hero."

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