



## 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 72

September 9, 1999 – Introduced by Representative MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **Relating to:** urging Congress to raise the amount of a veteran’s pension paid to a  
2           surviving spouse.

3           Whereas, veterans who meet the eligibility and service requirements are  
4     entitled to a pension from the U.S. government for the service provided to this  
5     country; and

6           Whereas, when the veteran was alive he or she provided support for his or her  
7     spouse and was dependent on that spouse to maintain the family’s household while  
8     the veteran was away from the home in the service of this country; and

9           Whereas, the surviving spouse of a veteran who was eligible to receive a pension  
10    from the U.S. government for the service provided to this country is eligible to receive  
11    a pension from the U.S. government based on his or her spouse’s eligibility; and

12           Whereas, the pension the U.S. government provides to a surviving spouse is  
13    significantly lower than the pension that the veteran would have received for  
14    services provided to this country and is often less than the poverty level; and

