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

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Whereas, the living expenses of the household of the surviving spouse is usually
 not significantly lower than what the household's living expenses were when the
 veteran was alive; now, therefore, be it

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4 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin
5 legislature hereby respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact
6 legislation to provide a pension to the surviving spouse of a veteran that is equal to
7 the pension that the veteran would have received if he or she was alive; and, be it
8 further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
 resolution to all members of the Wisconsin delegation to Congress and to the
 presiding officers of the U.S. house of representatives and the U.S. senate.

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