

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

