

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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1 Whereas, the living expenses of the household of the surviving spouse is usually 2 not significantly lower than what the household's living expenses were when the 3 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

9 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint 10 resolution to all members of the Wisconsin delegation to Congress and to the 11 presiding officers of the U.S. house of representatives and the U.S. senate.

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