

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—ASSEMBLYMEN
SHERER, ANDERSON, ANDONOV, ANGLE, ARBERRY,
ATKINSON, BEERS, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER,
CHOWNING, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN,
GEDDES, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA,
GOLDWATER, GRADY, GRIFFIN, GUSTAVSON, HARDY,
HETTRICK, HORNE, KNECHT, KOIVISTO, LESLIE,
MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY,
MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS,
PERKINS, PIERCE, WEBER AND WILLIAMS

MAY 26, 2003

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS MCGINNESS, AMODEI, CARE,
CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, MATHEWS, NEAL,
NOLAN, O'CONNELL, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS,
SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND,
WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes Marine hero Lieutenant Frederick
Pokorney Jr. (BDR R-1355)

~

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
Marine hero Lieutenant Frederick Pokorney Jr.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature and the
- 2 people of the State of Nevada mourn the loss of United States
- 3 Marine Corps First Lieutenant Frederick “Fred” Pokorney Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Living with former Nye County Sheriff Wade
- 5 Lieseke and his wife Susie, Fred Pokorney graduated from Tonopah
- 6 High School in 1989, where the 6-foot-7-inch, 220-pound athlete
- 7 excelled at basketball and football; and
- 8 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Fred Pokorney met his wife,
- 9 known as “Chelle,” in Washington State, and they became the proud



1 parents of daughter Taylor, now 2 1/2 years of age and the spitting
2 image of her father; and

3 WHEREAS, After enlisting in the United States Marine Corps,
4 Fred Pokorney was named the top recruit at the end of basic training
5 and, taking advantage of the military educational benefits, attended
6 Oregon State University where he earned a degree in military
7 science; and

8 WHEREAS, A field artillery leader for the Headquarters Battery,
9 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary
10 Brigade, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Lieutenant
11 Pokorney was deployed to Iraq and died on March 23, 2003, when
12 he and some of his fellow Marines were ambushed outside of
13 Nasiriyah; and

14 WHEREAS, Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Pokorney
15 was promoted posthumously to First Lieutenant and was awarded
16 the Purple Heart and will forever be remembered for his bravery and
17 dedication to his country; and

18 WHEREAS, Chelle Pokorney called her husband a "gentle giant"
19 and said he loved "his family, the Marine Corps and the Oakland
20 Raiders"; and

21 WHEREAS, Nevada's first reported casualty from Operation Iraqi
22 Freedom and the first Marine from that military operation to be
23 buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Lieutenant Pokorney was
24 buried with full military honors; and

25 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Frederick Pokorney Jr. is survived by his
26 wife Chelle Pokorney, his daughter Taylor, and his surrogate parents
27 Wade and Susie Lieseke; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That United States Marine First Lieutenant
30 Frederick Pokorney Jr. be honored for his devotion to his family, his
31 state and his country, for which he made the ultimate sacrifice; and
32 be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the members of the 72nd Session of the
34 Nevada Legislature and the people of our state celebrate the life of
35 Lieutenant Pokorney and extend their sincere condolences to the
36 family and friends of a true hero; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to Chelle, the beloved wife of
39 Lieutenant Pokorney.

