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

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature and the people of the State of Nevada mourn the loss of United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Frederick “Fred” Pokorney Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Living with former Nye County Sheriff Wade Lieseke and his wife Susie, Fred Pokorney graduated from Tonopah High School in 1989, where the 6-foot-7-inch, 220-pound athlete excelled at basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Fred Pokorney met his wife, known as “Chelle,” in Washington State, and they became the proud parents of daughter Taylor, now 2 1/2 years of age and the spitting image of her father; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Chelle Pokorney called her husband a “gentle giant” and said he loved “his family, the Marine Corps and the Oakland Raiders”; and

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

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

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

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

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