

HCR 202 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors First Lieutenant Frederick E. Pokorney, Jr. for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

First Lieutenant Frederick E. Pokorney, Jr., was born on August 20, 1971, in Oakland, California. He excelled at football and basketball, and although his football career was cut short due to an ankle injury, it led him to find his passion for the United States Marine Corps, where he finished at the top of his class in boot camp. He met his wife, Carolyn ("Chelle"), while stationed at Naval Submarine Base Bangor and together they had a daughter, Taylor.

After being accepted into the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP), First Lieutenant Pokorney enrolled at Oregon State University and fell in love with Oregon. In 2001, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and later deployed to Iraq. Those who served with him have testified to his bravery, skill, and selfless sacrifice, which saved the lives of many fellow Marines, including Ben Williams, whom he personally rescued under harrowing enemy fire. After a life dedicated to selflessly helping others, First Lieutenant Pokorney was mortally wounded in Iraq on March 23, 2003, while expertly directing and coordinating artillery in the face of heavy and sustained hostile fire after his unit was ambushed in Iraq. First Lieutenant Pokorney was posthumously recognized with a Silver Star for his conspicuous gallantry and display of courage.

First Lieutenant Pokorney was a brave and proud Marine, and a dedicated family man who loved his wife and daughter dearly. He enjoyed spending time on the Oregon coast where he could be found riding bikes with his wife. He was also a valued member of the Corvallis community, where he volunteered selflessly and will forever be remembered by those who knew him.

House Concurrent Resolution 202 recognizes and honors First Lieutenant Frederick E. Pokorney, Jr., for his service to his country.