

HCR 202 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Olson

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/06/18

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Holvey

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and service of First Lieutenant Pokorney
- The posthumous awards and commission received by First Lieutenant Pokorney
- The extreme valor and skill shown by First Lieutenant Pokorney while under fire

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After a life dedicated to selflessly helping others, First Lieutenant Frederick E. Pokorney, Jr. was mortally wounded on March 23, 2003, while expertly directing and coordinating artillery fire despite heavy and sustained enemy fire, after his unit was ambushed in Iraq.

First Lieutenant Pokorney was born on August 20, 1971, in Oakland, California and grew up excelling in football and basketball. While his football career was cut short due to an ankle injury, it led him to find his passion for the United States Marine Corps and subsequently finish at the top of his boot camp class. While stationed at Naval Submarine Base Bangor he met his wife, Carolyn "Chelle", and together they had a daughter, Taylor. He loved both dearly.

After being accepted into the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP), First Lieutenant Pokorney enrolled at Oregon State University where he fell in love with Oregon. In 2001, his hard work paid off and he was commissioned a second lieutenant and later deployed to Iraq. Many who served with him have testified to his bravery, skill, and selfless sacrifice, which saved the lives of many of his fellow Marines including Ben Williams, whom he personally rescued while under harrowing enemy fire. He was recognized with a posthumous Silver Star for his conspicuous gallantry and display of courage under fire.

First Lieutenant Pokorney was a brave and proud Marine who was a dedicated and loving family man who 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.