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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND THREE

JOINT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF UNITED STATES ARMY
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LORI ANN PIESTEWA, THE FIRST
AMERICAN WOMAN SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION IN THE IRAQ WAR

WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class Lori Ann Piestewa was the first American woman to fall in combat during the recent war with Iraq and she died a hero's death when her unit was ambushed by enemy troops; and

WHEREAS, Lori Ann Piestewa was a 23-year-old Hopi Indian, a native of Arizona, a mother of 2 young children, a sister, a daughter, an aunt and a friend to many and her untimely death has created a void in the lives of those loved ones who survive her; and

WHEREAS, Lori Ann Piestewa grew up in Lower Moenkopi, Arizona and had been a leader in the Tuba City Unified School District Junior ROTC program and was the daughter of a Vietnam War veteran and granddaughter of a veteran of World War II and she joined the United States Army 4 1/2 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Lori Ann Piestewa exemplified the spirit of sacrifice, honor, trust and commitment and her ultimate sacrifice will not be forgotten by her grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our sincere condolences to the loving family of Private First Class Lori Ann Piestewa; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Piestewa family and the Hopi Tribal Council with our deepest gratitude and respect for her sacrifice on behalf of the People of the State of Maine and the Penobscot Nation and with our best wishes and appreciation.