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**House and Senate Pass a Joint Resolution Memorializing
Private First Class Lori A. Piestewa**

Augusta-The Maine State House of Representatives and Senate recently passed a Joint Resolution Memorializing Private First Class Lori A. Piestewa. Representative Donna Loring, Representative of the Penobscot Nation, sponsored the resolution in memory of Pfc. Piestewa.

Pfc. Lori Piestewa was the first Native American military servicewoman to die in the war with Iraq. Piestewa went down fighting in the March 23 ambush of the 507th Army Maintenance Unit near Nasiriya, Iraq.

In a floor speech delivered to the House of Representatives, Rep. Loring went on record to say "According to Hopi legend, if a person had a good heart when he or she died then their spirit would return to earth in the form of moisture. Perhaps because it is so treasured in that arid climate for its life-giving and life-nourishing qualities. On the day the Piestewa family was notified of Lori's death, an unusual event occurred in her home town of Tuba City, moisture fell back to earth in the form of pure white snow."

The Joint Resolution has been sent to the family of Pfc. Piestewa and the Hopi Tribal Council to show that she has captured the hearts and admiration of every American.

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