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she was dumbfounded when Democrats who had co-sponsored the legislation in past years voted against it, while Republicans who had once opposed it were supporting it. She said some committee members sheepishly looked at her as they voted down the provision, “visibly uncomfortable that I was in the room. It went right down party lines, and it shouldn’t be a partisan issue.”

Steve Strobridge, a retired Air

Force colonel who is director of government relations at the Military Officers Association of America, said something could be done for the widows if the political will existed. “It requires a vote of the entire Congress or a big emphasis of leadership to say we’re going to elevate this priority, and as terrible as it seems, taking care of the widows whose military sponsor was killed by service has not been given a high enough priority,” he said. Congress did take the step of recognizing the widows’ plight and gave affected survivors \$50 more per month starting in 2008.

“We’ve had a partial victory and eventually we will continue to pound away and get it done,” Nelson said. Wersel said her group is pleased that so far this year they have enlisted more than 300 co-sponsors for their legislation in the House and more than 50 in the Senate, but they are still not confident that means Congress will pass it. “The whole process has become rhetoric,” she said.

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