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S. 535

To provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2003

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fallen Law Enforce-
5 ment Officers and Firefighters Flag Memorial Act of
6 2003”.

7 **SEC. 2. CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES OF DE-**
8 **CEASED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**

9 (a) AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The family of a deceased law
2 enforcement officer may request, and the Attorney
3 General shall provide to such family, a Capitol-flown
4 flag, which shall be supplied to the Attorney General
5 by the Architect of the Capitol. The Department of
6 Justice shall pay the cost of such flag, including
7 shipping, out of discretionary grant funds.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall
9 take effect on the date on which the Attorney Gen-
10 eral establishes the procedure required by subsection
11 (b).

12 (b) PROCEDURE.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
14 establish a procedure (including any appropriate forms)
15 by which the family of a deceased law enforcement officer
16 may request, and provide sufficient information to deter-
17 mine such officer’s eligibility for, a Capitol-flown flag.

18 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This Act shall only apply to a
19 deceased law enforcement officer who died on or after the
20 date of enactment of this Act.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

22 (1) the term “Capitol-flown flag” means a
23 United States flag flown over the United States
24 Capitol in honor of the deceased law enforcement of-
25 ficer for whom such flag is requested; and

1 (2) the term “deceased law enforcement officer”
2 means a person who was charged with protecting
3 public safety, who was authorized to make arrests by
4 a Federal, State, Tribal, county, or local law en-
5 forcement agency, and who died while acting in the
6 line of duty.

7 **SEC. 3. CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES OF DE-**
8 **CEASED FIREFIGHTERS.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The family of a paid or volunteer
10 firefighter who dies in the line of duty may request, and
11 the Director of the Federal Emergency Management
12 Agency shall provide to such family, a capitol-flown flag,
13 which shall be supplied to the Director by the Architect
14 of the Capitol. The Federal Emergency Management
15 Agency shall pay the cost of such flag, including shipping,
16 out of discretionary grant funds.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect
18 on the date on which the Attorney General establishes the
19 procedure required by section 2(b).

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