

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2061

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs

---

## AN ACT

To authorize the presentation of a United States flag on  
behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries  
in connection with their employment.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Civilian Service Rec-  
3 ognition Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG ON BE-**  
5 **HALF OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**  
6 **WHO DIE OF INJURIES IN CONNECTION WITH**  
7 **THEIR EMPLOYMENT.**

8 (a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—Upon receipt of  
9 a request under subsection (b), the head of an executive  
10 agency may pay the expenses incident to the presentation  
11 of a flag of the United States for an individual who—

12 (1) was an employee of the agency; and

13 (2) dies of injuries incurred in connection with  
14 such individual’s employment with the Federal Gov-  
15 ernment.

16 (b) **REQUEST FOR FLAG.**—The head of an executive  
17 agency may furnish a flag for a deceased employee de-  
18 scribed in subsection (a) upon the request of—

19 (1) the employee’s next of kin; or

20 (2) if no request is received from the next of  
21 kin, an individual other than the next of kin as de-  
22 termined by the Director of the Office of Personnel  
23 Management.

24 (c) **CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**—The head of an ex-  
25 ecutive agency may disclose information necessary to show  
26 that a deceased individual is an employee described in sub-

1 section (a) to the extent that such information is not clas-  
2 sified and to the extent that such disclosure does not en-  
3 danger the national security of the United States.

4 (d) EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF FLAG BENEFIT.—  
5 The head of an executive agency shall provide appropriate  
6 notice to employees of the agency of the flag benefit pro-  
7 vided for under this section.

8 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of  
9 Personnel Management, in coordination with the Sec-  
10 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
11 rity, may prescribe regulations to implement this section.  
12 Any such regulations shall provide for the head of an exec-  
13 utive agency to consider the conditions and circumstances  
14 surrounding the death of an employee and nature of the  
15 service of the employee.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the  
18 meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5,  
19 United States Code, and includes—

20 (A) individuals who perform volunteer  
21 services at the discretion of the head of an exec-  
22 utive agency; and

23 (B) an officer or employee of the United  
24 States Postal Service or of the Postal Regu-  
25 latory Commission.

1           (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive  
2           agency” has the meaning given that term in section  
3           105 of title 5, United States Code, and includes the  
4           United States Postal Service and the Postal Regu-  
5           latory Commission.

Passed the House of Representatives November 2,  
2011.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*