

WOOLSEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1261, as amended.

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A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 959) to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 959

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. CALCULATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

Section 473(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087mm(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "(in the case of a student who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B)(i)), or academic year 2011-2012 (in the case of a student who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B)(ii)), after "academic year 2009-2010"; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

"(B) whose parent or guardian was—

(i) a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001; or

(ii) was actively serving as a public safety officer and died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer; and";

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking "Notwithstanding" and inserting the following:

"(A) ARMED FORCES.—Notwithstanding";

(B) by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "subparagraphs (A), (B)(i), and (C) of paragraph (2)"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless the Secretary establishes an alternate method to adjust the expected family contribution, for each student who meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C) of paragraph (2), a financial aid administrator shall—

(i) verify with the student that the student is eligible for the adjustment;

(ii) adjust the expected family contribution in accordance with this subsection; and

(iii) notify the Secretary of the adjustment and the student's eligibility for the adjustment."; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) TREATMENT OF PELL AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding section 1212 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, in the case of a student who receives an increased Federal Pell Grant amount under this section, the total amount of such Federal Pell Grant, including the increase under this subsection, shall not be considered in calculating that student's educational as-

sistance benefits under the Public Safety Officer's Benefits program.

"(5) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) the term 'public safety officer' means an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew;

"(B) the term 'law enforcement officer' means an individual who—

"(i) is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; and

"(ii) has statutory powers of arrest or apprehension;

"(C) the term 'firefighter' means an individual who is trained in the suppression of fire or hazardous-materials response and has the legal authority to engage in these duties;

"(D) the term 'member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew' means an individual who is an officially recognized or designated public employee member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew; and

"(E) the term 'public agency' means the United States, any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any territory or possession of the United States, or any unit of local government, department, agency, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and the Amtrak Police and Federal Reserve Police departments."

SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF PELL GRANT AMOUNT.

Section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the SAFRA Act (Public Law 111-152), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "The Amount" and inserting "Subject to subparagraph (C), the amount"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) In the case of a student who meet the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C) of section 473(b)(2)—

"(i) clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be applied by substituting 'from the amounts appropriated in the last enacted appropriation Act applicable to that award year, an amount equal to the amount of the increase calculated under paragraph (8)(B) for that year' for 'the amount of the increase calculated under paragraph (8)(B) for that year'; and

"(ii) such student—

"(I) shall be provided an amount under clause (i) of this subparagraph only to the extent that funds are specifically provided in advance in an appropriation Act to such students for that award year; and

"(II) shall not be eligible for the amounts made available pursuant to clauses (i) through (iii) of paragraph (8)(A)."

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

□ 1230

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 959 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in full support of H.R. 959, which offers financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, it is an American responsibility to look after the children of our fallen heroes. A small but important gesture to fulfilling this commitment is to make a college education possible for the children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. These mothers and fathers have given their lives so that we might be safe. We should do all that we can to help their sons and daughters be successful.

We know that the loss of a parent can make it difficult for families to make ends meet, let alone send their kids to college. Making their children eligible for the maximum Pell Grant is the way to thank the officers for their sacrifice and to give their children an education which they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Under this bill, a child of a fallen police officer, firefighter, or other first responder who is eligible for a Pell Grant would become automatically eligible for the maximum Pell award. This legislation would waive the income eligibility requirements in such cases.

With passage of the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, we expanded Pell Grants to survivors of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan in a similar manner. As a result, these children will be eligible for more than \$20,000 in grants for college over 4 years.

Whether it's a sacrifice made on a distant battlefield or protecting our citizens here at home, it's time we extended this benefit to all of the children of our fallen heroes. Our fallen heroes deserve our thanks and they deserve our respect, and we can honor

them by supporting their children as they seek out a higher education.

I ask that my colleagues join me in full support of H.R. 959, and to take a moment to appreciate the daily sacrifices made by America's police officers, firefighters, and first responders.

I want to thank Representative MURPHY for bringing this resolution to the floor, and I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution.

I also want to thank Chairman CONYERS of the Judiciary Committee for working with the Education and Labor Committee on allowing this bill to move expeditiously to the floor.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2010.

Hon. GEORGE MILLER,
Chairman, Committee on Education and Labor,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MILLER: In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 959, the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010, the Committee on the Judiciary agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within its rule X jurisdiction.

The Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 959 at this time, it does not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward, so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for the cooperative working relationship between our two committees.

Sincerely,

JOHN CONYERS, Jr.,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR,
Washington, DC, May 10, 2010.

Hon. JOHN CONYERS,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Rayburn House Office Building, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CONYERS: Thank you for your May 10, 2010, letter regarding H.R. 959, Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010. Your support for this legislation and your assistance in ensuring its timely consideration are greatly appreciated.

I agree that provisions in the bill are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. I acknowledge that by waiving rights to further consideration at this time of H.R. 959, your Committee is not relinquishing its jurisdiction and I will fully support your request to be represented in a House-Senate conference on those provisions over which the Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction in H.R. 959, or similar legislation. A copy of our letters will be placed in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

I value your cooperation and look forward to working with you as we move ahead with this important legislation.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MILLER,
Chairman.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 959, the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010. I'm sure we're going to hear from my colleague from Pennsylvania (Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY) something about Officer Daniel Faulkner.

He represents a profession where the men and women serving put their lives on the line every day. And H.R. 959 honors this ultimate sacrifice that fallen heroic police officers and firefighters make by providing their children with a helping hand that they cannot be there to provide in furthering their education.

Children of fallen Active Duty service men and women are already afforded this same assistance. This act ensures police officers and firefighters are honored in the same manner as our brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines for giving their lives to protect our safety.

Every year hundreds of police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers die in the line of duty. Their jobs are inherently dangerous, and they accept this risk to protect America's citizens. It is important that we recognize their sacrifice and honor their lives. The Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act provides a fiscally responsible way to convey our gratitude and respect for those who sacrifice their lives to protect us.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the author of H.R. 959, the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Congressman PATRICK MURPHY, for as much time as he may consume.

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlelady from California, and also the gentleman from Minnesota, Congressman KLINE, my Republican colleague, thank you so much for your service to our country in the Marine Corps and for supporting this bill. I do appreciate it.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to thank my colleague from across the aisle, Republican TODD PLATTS from Pennsylvania. He has been my battle buddy and my partner on this bipartisan bill. But his steadfast commitment to our Nation's first responders is second to none. We've worked on this bill together for 3 years now and today, finally, it will come to fruition, and it's been an honor to partner with him.

Madam Speaker, you know that this is National Police Week and Saturday

is National Peace Officers Memorial Day. During these times of recognition and reflection, it's critical that we pause and thank those who bravely and selflessly protect us and our families.

But unfortunately, Madam Speaker, far too often we never get the chance to truly express our deep appreciation because too often a police officer, a firefighter, an EMS professional is taken from us too soon.

Last year, in 2009 alone, 126 law enforcement officers and 90 firefighters were killed in the line of duty. They and their families gave the ultimate sacrifice. These heroes sacrificed their lives for the most noble of causes, serving their community and their country.

And Madam Speaker, as so many of us remember, such was a tragedy 29 years ago when Officer Daniel Faulkner was murdered in Philadelphia during a routine traffic stop in Center City.

Officer Faulkner served in the Army prior to joining the Philadelphia Police Department. At the time of his death, just a few weeks before his 26th birthday, Danny was working toward his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at night, hoping to eventually work in the district attorney's office as a prosecutor. But because of the actions of a cold-blooded killer, he never got that chance.

Madam Speaker, it was his example of service, of valor and dedication that inspired me to introduce the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act. Under our legislation, if a child of one of these fallen heroes is eligible for any amount of Pell Grant money, they will become automatically eligible for the maximum grant available. In 2010, this means \$5,550 to help pay for college and nearly \$6,000 by 2017.

This bill is in honor of Officer Faulkner and the thousands of other heroes, including 11 officers, 21 firefighters, and two EMS workers who have lost their lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. This bill is for Middletown Police Officer Christopher Jones, killed in 2009; for paramedic Daniel McIntosh, killed just a few months ago in March 2010; and for countless others who have made the ultimate sacrifice. I'd like to submit for the RECORD the list of names of Bucks County police officers, firefighters, and EMS workers who did give the ultimate sacrifice. They are our community's heroes.

BUCKS COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS KILLED IN
THE LINE OF DUTY

Following is the list of Bucks County's fallen Police, Firefighters, and Paramedics killed over the past century:

POLICE

Sheriff Abraham L. Kulp
Shot to death on Feb. 24th, 1927 while trying to serve a warrant in Bedminster Township.

Chief Eli Myers

Chief of Police Myers was directing traffic at the scene of a brush fire when he was struck from behind by a vehicle he had waved through the intersection. Chief Myers was transported to a nearby hospital where he died a short time later. Dublin Borough, died Oct. 31, 1965. Struck on foot by vehicle. Aged 50 years, Chief Myers served 10 years.

Sgt. George Stuckey
Detective Sergeant Stuckey was shot and killed during a traffic stop. The suspects were speeding when Sergeant Stuckey pulled them over in front of the Bristol Twp Police Department. Unbeknownst to Sergeant Stuckey, the suspects had just robbed a bank, Bristol Township, died March 29, 1972. Aged 33 years, Sergeant Stuckey served 7 years.

Officer James Armstrong
Officer Armstrong was overpowered by a robbery suspect. The suspect gained control of Officer Armstrong's service weapon and shot him with his own gun. Officer Armstrong's K-9 dog was also killed by the suspect. The suspect received a life sentence. Officer Armstrong died Apr. 15, 1975. He was aged 27 years and had served 4.

Officer Robert Yezzi
Officer Yezzi was struck by a passing vehicle while struggling with suspect. Bensalem Township, died Aug. 12th, 1980. Aged 29 years, Officer Yezzi served 5 years.

Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Bateman and George Warta

Deputy Bateman and Deputy George Warta were killed when their patrol car was struck head on by a tractor trailer on Sept. 22, 1986. Deputy Bateman was aged 31 years, and served 9 and Deputy Warta was aged 47 years and served 7 years.

Ranger Stanley Flynn
On September 22nd, 1986, Deputy Bateman was returning to his patrol area after leaving a prisoner at the jail. He and Deputy George Warta were involved in a traffic accident on Street Road in Warrington Township. Their vehicle went out of control and they were struck head on by a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

Officer Joseph E. Hanusey
Officer Hanusey was killed in an automobile accident while responding to assist another officer. The officer requesting back up had initiated a DUI traffic stop and was not responding to the Bucks County Dispatch Officer's calls. While en route, in heavy rain, Patrolman Hanusey's patrol car left the roadway and struck some trees at US Route 611 and Haring Road in Plumville, Pennsylvania. Officer Hanusey died May 18th, 2002. He was aged 30 years, and had served 5.5 years.

Officer Brian Gregg
Newtown Police Officer Gregg was killed on September 29, 2005 in an emergency room massacre at St. Mary Medical Center in Middletown Township.

Officer Chris Jones
Detective Chris Jones was struck and killed by a drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop on Route 1, near the I-95 interchange. As he was returning to his patrol car, two cars collided and careened into his vehicle, which then struck him. He was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries a short time later. The driver who struck Detective Jones was charged with homicide by vehicle and several other charges. Detective Jones had served with the Middletown Township Police Department for 10 years and was posthumously promoted to the rank of Detective. He is survived by his wife and three children. Officer Jones died Jan. 29th, 2009. He was aged 37 years, and served 10 years.

FIRE

Walter L. Moore, Foreman:
Bristol Fire Company No. 1, Station 51
On April 21st 1915, Foreman Moore was killed in the line of duty while his apparatus he was riding in was struck by a train while responding to house boat fires.

Willis Sames, Fireman:
Perkasie Fire Company, Station 26
On April 1st 1926, firefighter Sames was killed in the line of duty when his apparatus he was in crashed while going to a drill in Quakertown.

Jacob C. Crouthamel, Fireman:
Perkasie Fire Company, Station 26
On April 1st 1926, firefighter Crouthamel was killed in the line of duty when his apparatus he was in crashed while going to a drill in Quakertown.

James F. Hurley, Fireman:
Yardley-Makefield Fire Company, Station 0
In April 1949, firefighter Hurley was killed in the line of duty on box 0-1, when he was crushed between the ladder truck and the fire station bay door.

William Bell, Fire Police Captain:
Warrington Fire Company, Station 29
On January 19th, 1964, fire police captain Bell was killed in the line of duty while directing traffic at an accident scene.

David S. Rubright, Assistant Chief:
Levittown Fire Company No. 1, Station 32
On November 15th, 1969, Assistant Chief Rubright was killed in the line of duty with a heart attack shortly after performing search and rescue on box 32-4, 16 Narcissus Lane.

Walter D. Miller, Fireman:
Croydon Fire Company, Station 11
On September 28th, 1970, Firefighter Miller was killed in the line of duty while operating on box 11-34, falling from the apparatus at State Road and Cedar Avenue.

Rudolph W. Bisler, Fireman:
Feasterville Fire Company, Station 1
On April 8th, 1971, firefighter Bisler died in the line of duty after a suffering a heart attack while driving an engine to a fire at the Phoenix Swim Club in Lower Southampton Twp.

Robert Roberts, Fireman:
Hartsville Fire Company Station 93
Watson Eyre Wright Jr., Fireman:
Warwick Fire Company Station 66
On Dec. 7th, 1974, died in the line of duty of a heart attack after returning from a dwelling fire.

Henry Costello, Fire Police Captain:
Line Lexington Fire Company, Station 60
On October 21st, 1975, fire police captain Costello died in the line of duty on box 60-01, the Hillside Inn 1903 Bethlehem Pike.

Wesley Evans, Fireman:
Bristol Consolidated Fire Company, Station 50
On December 12th, 1975, firefighter Evans died in the line of duty of a heart attack while operating on box 53-35, 332 Cleveland Street.

Geary Von Hoffman, Fireman:
Falls Township Fire Company No. 1, Station 30

On April 26th, 1976, firefighter Hoffman was killed in the line of duty while operating on box 30-41 when a flashover occurred at the St. George's Diner on Lincoln Highway.

John S. Buranich III, Fireman:
Edgely Fire Company, Station 10
On November 10th, 1976, firefighter Buranich died in the line of duty from injuries which occurred on July 23, 1976, while responding on box 10-36.

Julian R. Bley, Sr., Assistant Chief:

Bristol Fire Company No. 1, Station 51
On June 8th, 1984, Assistant Chief Bley was killed in the line of duty when he was electrocuted on box 53-16 at the Purex Corp, Radcliffe Street.

Thomas J. Gibson, Fireman:
Union Fire Company, Station 37
On March 6th, 1985 firefighter Gibson was killed in the line of duty when he fell from an aerial ladder while operating on box 11-33.

Stanley R. Konefal, Fire Chief:
Cornwells Fire Company No. 1, Station 16
On November 15th, 1986, Chief Konefal died in the line of duty when he was overcome by fumes while operating on box 16-4, 1154 Tennis Avenue.

Milton E. Majors, Fire Police Captain:
Union Fire Company, Station 37
Tom Graver, Fire Police Captain:
Feasterville Fire Company, Station 1
On February 19th, 1974, Fire Police Captain Graver was killed in the line of duty while directing traffic at Street Road and Pennsylvania Blvd.

Nelson "Snooky" Margerum, Fire Chief:
Yardley-Makefield Fire Company, Station 0
Chief Margerum died in the line of duty on March 15th, 1992, after suffering a heart attack while operating on box 0-5, 326 Big Oak Road.

Walter F. Vaughan, Fire Police Officer:
Warminster Fire Company, Station 90
On November 13th, 1999 fire police officer Vaughan was killed in the line of duty while directing traffic on box 92-36, 1575 West Street Road.

EMS/PARAMEDIC:

Dale Francis
Died in 2001
Dan Macintosh (Paramedic)
Died in 2010
March 7, 2010

Madam Speaker, every first responder deserves to know that if the unthinkable were to happen, their children would be taken care of and that their family would not be alone. This legislation is a small step in that direction.

The work these heroes do every day puts an incredible strain on their families, too. I know it because my father, Jack Murphy, spent over 20 years in the Philadelphia Police Department. Fortunately for my family, he came home every night. But when he left for work, I could see the strain in my mother's face. She always said to us three children, Make sure you kiss your father good-bye because you never know if that's the last time you'll see him. She knew the risks of my dad's profession. But she also knew that he was doing his duty to protect all of us.

So many families in our communities are just like mine. And with this bill, this Congress can come together as Democrats and Republicans, as Americans, to do our part to ensure that the children of our fallen heroes can still afford to go to college despite their profound loss.

We have received tremendous support for this bill. It has been endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Association of Firefighters, and Members on both sides of this aisle.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill because we must never forget what American heroes like Danny Faulkner, like Christopher Jones, like Daniel McIntosh, and countless others have given, and we must keep faith with those who love them.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 959, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I strongly support the families of the brave men and women who fight every day to keep our communities safe and that is why I believe the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act is such an important piece of legislation.

Inspired by the heroic service of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner, this legislation would offer financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Officer Faulkner's own life was tragically cut short when he was murdered performing a simple traffic stop.

Officer Faulkner is one example of the countless first responders who put themselves into harm's way every day. Tragically, since 2006, seven police officers from my district have died in the line of duty: Officer John Pawlowski, Officer Gary Skerski, Officer Chuck Cassidy, Officer Isabel Nazario, Sergeant Patrick McDonald, Sergeant Tim Simpson and Officer Stephen Liczbinski. These men and women selflessly risk everything so the rest of us may live in peace and safety. This Act will help the children of fallen heroes to be all they can be. It is yet another way for us to honor their service and their sacrifice.

This legislation is one way to meet our shared debt of gratitude to our police officers, firefighters, and other first responders, to their families and to their children.

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 959, the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, which provides financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Representative Patrick Murphy and I introduced this legislation so that a child of one of these fallen service men and women would become automatically eligible for the maximum Pell Grant amount. This benefit already exists for the children of military service members who are killed in action.

This legislation is aimed at ensuring we do right by police officers, firefighters and other first responders who put their own lives at risk everyday to keep us safe. Making a college education more accessible to the children of these fallen heroes is an important expression of our Nation's gratitude. This legislation is a justified price for our Nation to pay to ensure that those serving on the front lines in our communities know that a higher education will be within their children's reach should the unthinkable happen. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 959, which offers financial assistance for

higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 959, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1333) expressing support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1333

Whereas research has indicated that children who are read to three or four times a week are more likely to recognize the letters of the alphabet, be able to count to 20, and write their own names;

Whereas children's books are instrumental in teaching children to read by providing simple phrases that promote reading techniques, including phonics, and retaining children's interest;

Whereas many teachers use children's books in the classroom as a tool to promote and teach literacy to their students;

Whereas Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally since 1919 and is founded on the declaration that a "great nation is a reading nation";

Whereas Children's Book Week highlights the importance of parents and guardians taking the time to read with their children and encourages libraries, schools, and community organizations to hold events to promote reading; and

Whereas Children's Book Week is recognized May 10 to May 16, 2010: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week; and

(2) encourages parents to read with their children and schools, libraries, and community organizations to hold events to encourage children and students of all ages to read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1333 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1333, a resolution in support of the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week, to be held from May 10 through May 16, 2010.

Children's Book Week is a great time to highlight the importance of reading to our children and our students. Educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have long celebrated children's books and the love of reading.

Since 1919 children's books and Children's Book Week have put an annual spotlight on this vitally important activity for a child's education and cognitive development. Through storytelling, parties, and author and illustrator appearances, this week helps to encourage a love of reading in our children.

Today, even the very youngest child in America is growing up immersed in media, spending hours a day watching TV and playing video games. Parents and teachers promote better learning for these children when they turn off the TV and pull out a book and either sit with the child and read it or have the child read it on his or her own.

This year, official Children's Book Week events will be hosted in 10 cities and in classrooms, libraries, bookstores, and homes all across this country.

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In addition, the Children's Choice Book Awards will honor important authors who bring their gifts of writing and imagination to our kids.

Madam Speaker, once again I express my support for Children's Book Week and celebrate reading for students of all ages. I thank Representative ROE for introducing this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1333. This resolution supports and honors Children's Book Week, which is in itself a celebration of the written word. And as my colleague so aptly said, today our children are immersed in a multimedia world. I know my grandchildren are unbelievably expert at video games. And I can't tell you how happy I am, how thrilled I am, when I see them sitting with a book.

I was so pleased to see that my oldest grandson followed in the line of his father and grandfather and great grandfather of seeking every available minute to get into the world of literature, to get into the written word, to read these books, going to the point of getting under the covers with a flashlight way after lights out time for