A BILL

To increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Children of Fallen He-

heroes Scholarship Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The year 2012 was a deadly year for law

enforcement officers, with 126 men and women
killed in the line of duty. That year, 83 firefighters
lost their lives and 21 emergency medical services
providers suffered fatalities in the line of duty.

(2) Congress recognizes the sacrifice of the
families of fallen public safety officers.

(3) The financial loss for a family with children
could be detrimental for decades.

(4) Families who have given the ultimate sac-
ifice deserve the support of the American people as
their children pursue higher education.

SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGI-
BILITY.

Section 401(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
(20 U.S.C. 1070a(f)) is amended by adding at the end
the following new paragraph:

“(4)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other
 provision of this section, the expected family contribution
 of each student described in subparagraph (B) shall be
deemed to be zero for the period during which each such
 student is eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant under
 subsection (c).

“(B) Subparagraph (A) shall apply to any student
 at an institution of higher education—

“(i) whose parent or guardian—
“(I) was actively serving as a police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer; and

“(II) died as a result of performing a public safety service; and

“(ii) who was 18 years or less, or was enrolled as a full-time or part-time student at an institution of higher education, as of the time of the parent or guardian’s death.

“(C) For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) the term ‘police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer’ means an individual who—

“(I) is a law enforcement officer or firefighter in a police department or fire department which is organized and operated by a State or political subdivision to provide police protection, firefighting services, or emergency medical services for any area within the jurisdiction of such State or political subdivision;

“(II) is an emergency medical services provider who provides out-of-hospital emergency medical care, including an emergency medical technician or paramedic; or

“(III) is a member of a qualified volunteer emergency response organization who provides
firefighting services or emergency medical services; and

“(ii) the term ‘qualified volunteer emergency response organization’ means any volunteer organization that—

“(I) is organized and operated to provide firefighting or emergency medical services for persons in the State or political subdivision, as the case may be; and

“(II) is required (by written agreement) by the State or political subdivision to furnish firefighting or emergency medical services in such State or political subdivision.”.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendment made by section 3 of this Act shall apply with respect to Federal Pell Grants awarded for academic year 2014–2015, and each succeeding academic year.