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# H. R. 7932

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2026

Mr. VAN EPPS (for himself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. JAMES, and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “Honoring Our Nation’s  
5 Obligation to Remember Gold Star Families Act” or the  
6 “HONOR Gold Star Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY.**

2 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1478(a) of title 10, United  
3 States Code, is amended by striking “\$100,000” and in-  
4 serting “\$200,000”.

5 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
6 section (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring  
7 on or after January 1, 2026.

8 **SEC. 3. COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF DEATH GRA-  
9 TUITY.**

10 (a) ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1478 of title 10, United  
11 States Code, as amended by section 2 of this Act, is  
12 amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following  
13 new subsection:

14 “(c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO DEATH GRATUITY.—

15 (1) On January 1 of each year, the amount of the death  
16 gratuity payable under subsection (a) shall be increased  
17 by the percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price  
18 Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau  
19 of Labor Statistics, during the preceding calendar year ex-  
20 ceeds such Consumer Price Index for the calendar year  
21 before such preceding calendar year, rounded to the near-  
22 est \$100.

23 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall annually publish  
24 the amount of the death gratuity payable under subsection  
25 (a), as adjusted by paragraph (1), in the Federal Reg-  
26 ister.”.

1           (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
2 section (a) shall apply beginning on January 1, 2027.

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