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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2026

Mr. SHEEHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Honor Gold Star Fam-
5 ilies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT** 7 **OF DEATH GRATUITY.**

8 (a) INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY.—

1 (1) INCREASE.—Section 1478(a) of title 10,
 2 United States Code, is amended, in the matter pre-
 3 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “\$100,000” and
 4 inserting “\$200,000”.

5 (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—The
 6 amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply with
 7 respect to deaths occurring on or after January 1,
 8 2026.

9 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF DEATH GRA-
 10 TUITY.—Section 1478 of title 10, United States Code, as
 11 amended by subsection (a), is further amended by insert-
 12 ing after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

13 “(c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO DEATH GRATUITY.—
 14 (1) On January 1, 2027, and January 1 of each year
 15 thereafter, the amount of the death gratuity payable under
 16 subsection (a) shall be increased by the percentage (if any)
 17 by which the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-
 18 sumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, dur-
 19 ing the preceding calendar year exceeds such Consumer
 20 Price Index for the calendar year before such preceding
 21 calendar year, rounded to the nearest \$100.

22 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall annually publish
 23 the amount of the death gratuity payable under subsection

1 (a), as adjusted by paragraph (1), in the Federal Reg-
2 ister.”.

