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To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the benefit of victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

Mrs. CAPPES (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. REYES, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. ISSA, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. OWENS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FRANK, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CLAY, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WAMP, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FROST, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a semipostal for the benefit

of victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

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 “September 11th Fami-
5 lies Stamp Act”.

6 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT A SEMIPOSTAL BE ISSUED

FOR THE BENEFIT OF VICTIMS OF THE TER-

BOBIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED

9 STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford the public a di-
11 rect and tangible way to provide assistance to the families
12 of individuals who were killed in the terrorist attacks
13 against the United States on September 11, 2001, the
14 United States Postal Service shall issue a semipostal in
15 accordance with subsection (b).

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 416
17 of title 39, United States Code, shall apply with respect
18 to the semipostal described in subsection (a), subject to
19 the following:

1 the sale of the semipostal (as determined under such
2 section 416 after taking into account any amounts
3 appropriated pursuant to subsection (c)) shall be
4 transferred to the Office for Victims of Crime, De-
5 partment of Justice, under such arrangements as
6 the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with
7 that office establish in order to carry out the pur-
8 poses of this Act.

9 (3) DURATION.—Stamps under this section
10 shall be issued during the 2-year period beginning
11 on December 1, 2001 (or such earlier date as the
12 Postal Service may determine).

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated to the Postal Service
15 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section
16 (including reasonable costs attributable to the printing,
17 sale, and distribution of the semipostal).

18 **SEC. 3. SEPTEMBER 11TH FAMILIES FUND.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
20 on the books of the Treasury a fund to be known as the
21 “September 11th Families Fund” (hereinafter in this sec-
22 tion referred to as the “Fund”), to be administered by
23 the Attorney General, acting through the Director of the
24 Office for Victims of Crime.

1 (b) AMOUNTS.—The Fund shall consist of the
2 amounts transferred to the Office for Victims of Crime
3 pursuant to section 2(b)(2).

4 (c) USE.—Subject to subsection (d), amounts in the
5 Fund shall be used to provide assistance to the families
6 of individuals who were killed in the terrorist attacks
7 against the United States on September 11, 2001.

8 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—No cost incurred in
9 providing assistance under subsection (c), or in admin-
10 istering the Fund, shall be paid from the Fund or set off
11 against or otherwise deducted from any assistance to any
12 individual.

13 (e) INVESTMENT.—Amounts in the Fund shall be in-
14 vested in accordance with section 9702 of title 31, United
15 States Code, and any interest on, and proceeds from, any
16 such investment shall be credited to and become a part
17 of the Fund.

18 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General
20 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

21 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

22 For purposes of this Act, the term “semipostal” has
23 the meaning given such term by section 416 of title 39,
24 United States Code.

