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# H. R. 2710

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Public Safety Officers  
5       Flag Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FLAG FURNISHED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS**

7                       **KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
9       rity shall furnish a flag to drape the casket of each public  
10      safety officer killed in the line of duty.

1       (b) FURNISHING AFTER BURIAL.—After the burial  
2 of such a public safety officer, the flag so furnished shall  
3 be given to the officer’s next of kin. If no claim is made  
4 for the flag by the next of kin, it may be given, upon re-  
5 quest, to a close friend or associate of the deceased officer.  
6 If a flag is given to a close friend or associate of the de-  
7 ceased officer, no flag shall be given to any other person  
8 on account of the death of such officer.

9       (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “public  
10 safety officer” means an individual serving a public agency  
11 in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as  
12 a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a member  
13 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

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