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# S. 534

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2003

Mr. ALLEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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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 “Fallen Heroes Flag

5       Act of 2003”.

1   **SEC. 2. PROVIDING CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES**  
2                   **OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESCUE WORK-**  
3                   **ERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

4       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—At the request of the immediate  
5   family of a fire fighter, law enforcement officer, emergency  
6   technician, or other rescue worker who died in the line  
7   of duty, the Representative of the family may provide the  
8   family with a Capitol-flown flag, together with the certifi-  
9   cate described in subsection (c).

10     (b) **NO COST TO FAMILY.**—A flag provided under  
11   this section shall be provided at no cost to the family.

12     (c) **CERTIFICATE.**—The certificate described in this  
13   subsection is a certificate which is signed by the Speaker  
14   of the House of Representatives and the Representative  
15   providing the flag, and which contains an expression of  
16   sympathy from the House of Representatives for the fam-  
17   ily involved, as prepared and developed by the Clerk of  
18   the House of Representatives.

19     (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

20           (1) the term “Capitol-flown flag” means a  
21   United States flag flown over the United States  
22   Capitol in honor of the deceased individual for whom  
23   such flag is requested; and

24           (2) the term “Representative” includes a Dele-  
25   gate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

1 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
3 date of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Clerk  
4 shall issue regulations for carrying out this Act, including  
5 regulations to establish procedures (including any appro-  
6 priate forms, guidelines, and accompanying certificates)  
7 for requesting a Capitol-flown flag.

8 (b) APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINIS-  
9 TRATION.—The regulations issued by the Clerk under sub-  
10 section (a) shall take effect upon approval by the Com-  
11 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-  
12 resentatives.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated from the ap-  
15 plicable accounts of the House of Representatives for fiscal  
16 year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as  
17 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

18 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act shall take effect October 1, 2003, except  
20 that no flags may be provided under section 2 until the  
21 Committee on House Administration of the House of Rep-  
22 resentatives approves the regulations issued by the Clerk  
23 of the House of Representatives under section 3.

