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# H. R. 6151

To charter an organization and establish a medal program to honor first responders in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To charter an organization and establish a medal program to honor first responders in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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. DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATION.**

4       (a) ORGANIZATION.—The Medal of Courage and  
5   Service Corporation, located in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-  
6   vania, is a federally chartered organization.

7       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Corporation is to  
8   honor first responders in the city of Philadelphia by, act-  
9   ing through the Selection Committee convened under sub-

1 section (c)(2), awarding the Medal of Courage and Service  
2 to first responders in that city.

3 (c) FUNCTIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall act as  
5 the administrator of the Medal program under sec-  
6 tion 2.

7 (2) SELECTION COMMITTEE.—The Corporation  
8 shall convene a Selection Committee to select first  
9 responders to receive the Medal, to be organized as  
10 follows:

11 (A) The Selection Committee shall be com-  
12 posed of—

13 (i) the Police Commissioner of Phila-  
14 delphia;

15 (ii) the Fire Commissioner of Phila-  
16 delphia;

17 (iii) the president of the Philadelphia  
18 Fire Fighters' Union Local #22;

19 (iv) the president of the Philadelphia  
20 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5; and

21 (v) 4 civilian representatives, one ap-  
22 pointed by each of the members described  
23 in clauses (i) through (iv).

24 (B) The chairmanship of the Selection  
25 Committee shall alternate annually between the

1 member described in subparagraph (A)(i) and  
2 the member described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

3 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Corporation shall submit  
4 to Congress an annual report on its activities under this  
5 Act.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDAL PROGRAM.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF MEDAL.—The Corporation  
8 may award, and present in the name of Congress, a Medal  
9 of Courage and Service of appropriate design to a first  
10 responder who is selected by the Selection Committee.

11 (b) DUTIES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE.—The Selec-  
12 tion Committee shall—

13 (1) establish criteria for awarding the Medal;

14 (2) accept nominations of first responders from  
15 the Police and Fire Departments of Philadelphia  
16 each calendar year; and

17 (3) select no more than 3 first responders per  
18 year to receive a Medal, except that in any year in  
19 which the Selection Committee determines, by unan-  
20 imous consent, that extraordinary or extenuating cir-  
21 cumstances exist regarding an incident, the Selection  
22 Committee may select more than 3 first responders  
23 to receive a Medal.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1           (1) CORPORATION.—The term “Corporation”  
2       means the Medal of Courage and Service Corpora-  
3       tion chartered in section 1(a).

4           (2) FIRST RESPONDER.—The term “first re-  
5       sponder” means an individual who, in the early  
6       stages of an incident, is responsible for the protec-  
7       tion and preservation of life, property, evidence, and  
8       the environment, including emergency response pro-  
9       viders as defined in section 2 of the Homeland Secu-  
10      rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emer-  
11      gency management, public health, clinical care, pub-  
12      lic works, and other skilled support personnel (such  
13      as equipment operators) that provide immediate sup-  
14      port services during prevention, response, and recov-  
15      ery operations.

16          (3) MEDAL.—The term “Medal” means the  
17      Medal of Courage and Service authorized under sec-  
18      tion 2(a).

19          (4) SELECTION COMMITTEE.—The term “Selec-  
20      tion Committee” means the Medal of Courage and  
21      Service Selection Committee convened under section  
22      1(c)(2).

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