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To increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers,
firefighters, and other public safety officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, and Ms. SCHWARTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Children of Fallen He-
5 roes Scholarship Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The year 2012 was a deadly year for law
9 enforcement officers, with 126 men and women

1 killed in the line of duty. That year, 83 firefighters
2 lost their lives and 21 emergency medical services
3 providers suffered fatalities in the line of duty.

4 (2) Congress recognizes the sacrifice of the
5 families of fallen public safety officers.

6 (3) The financial loss for a family with children
7 could be detrimental for decades.

8 (4) Families who have given the ultimate sac-
9 rifice deserve the support of the American people as
10 their children pursue higher education.

11 **SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGI-**
12 **BILITY.**

13 Section 401(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
14 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(f)) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new paragraph:

16 “(4)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other
17 provision of this section, the expected family contribution
18 of each student described in subparagraph (B) shall be
19 deemed to be zero for the period during which each such
20 student is eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant under
21 subsection (c).

22 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall apply to any student
23 at an institution of higher education—

24 “(i) whose parent or guardian—

1 “(I) was actively serving as a police officer,
2 firefighter, or other public safety officer; and

3 “(II) died as a result of performing a pub-
4 lic safety service; and

5 “(ii) who was 18 years or less, or was enrolled
6 as a full-time or part-time student at an institution
7 of higher education, as of the time of the parent or
8 guardian’s death.

9 “(C) For purposes of this paragraph—

10 “(i) the term ‘police officer, firefighter, or other
11 public safety officer’ means an individual who—

12 “(I) is a law enforcement officer or fire-
13 fighter in a police department or fire depart-
14 ment which is organized and operated by a
15 State or political subdivision to provide police
16 protection, firefighting services, or emergency
17 medical services for any area within the juris-
18 diction of such State or political subdivision;

19 “(II) is an emergency medical services pro-
20 vider who provides out-of-hospital emergency
21 medical care, including an emergency medical
22 technician or paramedic; or

23 “(III) is a member of a qualified volunteer
24 emergency response organization who provides

1 firefighting services or emergency medical serv-
2 ices; and

3 “(ii) the term ‘qualified volunteer emergency re-
4 sponse organization’ means any volunteer organiza-
5 tion that—

6 “(I) is organized and operated to provide
7 firefighting or emergency medical services for
8 persons in the State or political subdivision, as
9 the case may be; and

10 “(II) is required (by written agreement) by
11 the State or political subdivision to furnish fire-
12 fighting or emergency medical services in such
13 State or political subdivision.”.

14 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendment made by section 3 of this Act shall
16 apply with respect to Federal Pell Grants awarded for aca-
17 demic year 2014–2015, and each succeeding academic
18 year.

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