

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 723

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2015

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and
Administration

AN ACT

To provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fallen Heroes Flag
3 Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES**
5 **OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD**
6 **WORKERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of the immediate
8 family of a fire fighter, law enforcement officer, member
9 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, or public safety offi-
10 cer who died in the line of duty, the Representative of the
11 family may provide the family with a Capitol-flown flag,
12 together with the certificate described in subsection (c).

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

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

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

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

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

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of
17 the fiscal years 2015 through 2020 such sums as may be
18 necessary to carry out this Act, to be derived from
19 amounts appropriated in each such fiscal year for the op-
20 eration of the Capitol Visitor Center, except that the ag-
21 gregate amount appropriated to carry out this Act for all
22 such fiscal years may not exceed \$30,000.

23 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

24 This Act shall take effect on the date of its enact-
25 ment, except that no flags may be provided under section

1 2 until the Committee on House Administration of the
2 House of Representatives approves the regulations issued
3 by the Clerk of the House of Representatives under section
4 3.

Passed the House of Representatives May 12, 2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.