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Making continuing appropriations for military pay and for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased military service members of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

JOINT RESOLUTION

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- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
- 4 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
- 5 for military pay and for death gratuities and related bene-
- 6 fits for survivors of deceased military service members of

1 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018, and for
2 other purposes, namely:

3 SEC. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary,
4 at a rate for operations as provided for fiscal year 2017
5 in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017
6 (division C of Public Law 115–31) and under the author-
7 ity and conditions provided in such Act, for “Operation
8 and Maintenance” and “Military Personnel” accounts for
9 continuing the following projects and activities for which
10 appropriations, funds, or other authority were made avail-
11 able by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act,
12 2017:

13 (1) The payment of a death gratuity under sec-
14 tions 1475–1477 and 1489 of title 10, United States
15 Code.

16 (2) The payment or reimbursement for funeral
17 and burial expenses authorized under sections 1481
18 and 1482 of title 10, United States Code.

19 (3) The payment or reimbursement of author-
20 ized funeral travel and travel related to the dignified
21 transfer of remains and unit memorial services
22 under section 481f of title 37, United States Code.

23 (4) The temporary continuation of a basic al-
24 lowance of housing for dependents of members dying

1 on active duty, as authorized by section 403(l) of
2 title 37, United States Code.

3 (b) The rate for operations provided by subsection (a)
4 for each program or activity shall be calculated to reflect
5 the full amount of any reduction required in fiscal year
6 2018 pursuant to any provision of division D of the Con-
7 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–56).

8 SEC. 102. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary for
9 the following:

10 (1) The payment of pay and allowances to
11 members of the Armed Forces (as defined in section
12 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code), including
13 reserve components thereof, who perform active serv-
14 ice during the period for which funds are made
15 available pursuant to this joint resolution under sec-
16 tion 104.

17 (2) The payment of pay and allowances to the
18 civilian personnel of the Department of Defense
19 (and the Department of Homeland Security in the
20 case of the Coast Guard) whom the Secretary con-
21 cerned determines are providing support to members
22 of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1).

23 (3) The payment of pay and allowances to con-
24 tractors of the Department of Defense (and the De-
25 partment of Homeland Security in the case of the

1 Coast Guard) whom the Secretary concerned deter-
2 mines are providing support to members of the
3 Armed Forces described in paragraph (1).

4 (b) In this section, the term “Secretary concerned”
5 means—

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense with respect to
7 matters concerning the Department of Defense; and

8 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-
9 spect to matters concerning the Coast Guard.

10 SEC. 103. Appropriations made by sections 101 and
11 102 shall be available to the extent and in the manner
12 that would be provided by the pertinent appropriations
13 Act.

14 SEC. 104. Unless otherwise provided for in this joint
15 resolution or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal
16 year 2018, appropriations and funds made available and
17 authority granted pursuant to this joint resolution shall
18 be available until whichever of the following first occurs:

19 (1) the enactment into law of an appropriation for any
20 project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; (2)
21 the enactment into law of the applicable appropriations
22 Act for fiscal year 2018 without any provision for such
23 project or activity; or (3) September 30, 2018.

24 SEC. 105. Expenditures made pursuant to this joint
25 resolution shall be charged to the applicable appropriation,

1 fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such appli-
2 cable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is
3 enacted into law.

4 SEC. 106. This joint resolution shall be implemented
5 so that only the most limited funding action of that per-
6 mitted in the joint resolution shall be taken in order to
7 provide for continuation of projects and activities.

8 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Pay Our
9 Military Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2018”.

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