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For the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 helicopters in Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. PAYMENT.**

4 (a) PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of
5 the Treasury shall pay, out of funds not otherwise appro-
6 priated, \$100,000 to the survivor, or collectively the survi-
7 vors, of each of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and
8 the one United States civilian who were killed on April

1 14, 1994, when United States F-15 fighter aircraft mis-
2 takenly shot down two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters in
3 Iraq.

4 (b) SURVIVOR STATUS.—For the purposes of this
5 Act—

6 (1) a survivor of a member of the Armed
7 Forces described in subsection (a) is a person des-
8 ignated as a beneficiary on the member's Service-
9 man's Group Life Insurance policy (issued under
10 chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code); and

11 (2) a survivor of the United States civilian de-
12 scribed in subsection (a) is a person determined to
13 be a survivor by the Secretary of the Treasury using
14 the provisions of section 5582(b) of title 5, United
15 States Code.

16 **SEC. 2. MAXIMUM PAYMENT.**

17 Not more than a total of \$1,500,000 shall be paid
18 to survivors under section 1.

19 **SEC. 3. ATTORNEY FEES.**

20 Notwithstanding any contract, no representative of a
21 survivor may receive more than 10 percent of a payment
22 made under section 1 for services rendered in connection
23 with the survivor's claim for such payment. Any person
24 who violates this section shall be guilty of an infraction

1 and shall be subject to a fine in the amount provided in
2 title 18, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
6 transmit a report to the Congress describing the payments
7 made under section 1.

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