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To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to honor, through permanent tributes, men and women of the United States who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. FROST, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. CRAMER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Law Enforcement
5 Tribute Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The well-being of all citizens of the United
4 States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result
5 of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement
6 and public safety personnel.

7 (2) More than 700,000 law enforcement offi-
8 cers, both men and women, at great risk to their
9 personal safety, serve their fellow citizens as guard-
10 ians of peace.

11 (3) Nationwide, 51 law enforcement officers
12 were killed in the line of duty in 2000, according to
13 statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Inves-
14 tigation. This number is an increase of 9 from the
15 1999 total of 42.

16 (4) In 1999, 112 firefighters died while on
17 duty, an increase of 21 deaths from the previous
18 year.

19 (5) Every year, 1 in 9 peace officers is as-
20 sailed, 1 in 25 is injured, and 1 in 4,400 is killed
21 in the line of duty.

22 (6) In addition, recent statistics indicate that
23 83 officers were accidentally killed in the perform-
24 ance of their duties in 2000, an increase of 18 from
25 the 65 accidental deaths in 1999.

1 (7) A permanent tribute is a powerful means of
2 honoring the men and women who have served our
3 Nation with distinction. However, many law enforce-
4 ment and public safety agencies lack the resources
5 to honor their fallen colleagues.

6 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—From amounts made available to
8 carry out this section, the Attorney General may make
9 grants to States, units of local government, and Indian
10 tribes to carry out programs to honor, through permanent
11 tributes, men and women of the United States who were
12 killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or pub-
13 lic safety officers.

14 (b) **USES OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under this
15 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of
16 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used for
17 the purposes specified in subsection (a).

18 (c) **\$150,000 LIMITATION.**—A grant under this sec-
19 tion may not exceed \$150,000 to any single recipient.

20 (d) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—

21 (1) The Federal portion of the costs of a pro-
22 gram provided by a grant under this section may not
23 exceed 50 percent.

24 (2) Any funds appropriated by Congress for the
25 activities of any agency of an Indian tribal govern-

1 ment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing
2 law enforcement or public safety functions on any
3 Indian lands may be used to provide the non-Federal
4 share of a matching requirement funded under this
5 subsection.

6 (e) APPLICATIONS.—To request a grant under this
7 section, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
8 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
9 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-
10 panied by such information as the Attorney General
11 may require.

12 (f) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
13 November 30 of each year, the Attorney General shall sub-
14 mit a report to the Congress regarding the activities car-
15 ried out under this section. Each such report shall include,
16 for the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded
17 under this section, the amount of funds provided under
18 those grants, and the activities for which those funds were
19 used.

20 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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