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To ensure that a flag is furnished to drape the casket of each public safety officer killed in the line of duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina 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 “Public Safety Officers
5 Flag Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FLAG FURNISHED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS**

7 **KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity shall furnish a flag to drape the casket of each public
10 safety officer killed in the line of duty.

1 (b) FURNISHING AFTER BURIAL.—After the burial
2 of such a public safety officer, the flag so furnished shall
3 be given to the officer’s next of kin. If no claim is made
4 for the flag by the next of kin, it may be given, upon re-
5 quest, to a close friend or associate of the deceased officer.
6 If a flag is given to a close friend or associate of the de-
7 ceased officer, no flag shall be given to any other person
8 on account of the death of such officer.

9 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “public
10 safety officer” means an individual serving a public agency
11 in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as
12 a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a member
13 of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

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