## S. 704

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{April 2, 2003} \\ \text{Referred to the Committee on Armed Services} \end{array}$ 

## **AN ACT**

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces.

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

## SECTION 1. INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE WITH

- 2 RESPECT TO DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
- 3 **ARMED FORCES.**
- 4 (a) Increase in Death Gratuity.—Section
- 5 1478(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
- 6 striking "\$6,000" and inserting "\$12,000".
- 7 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 8 subsection (a) shall take effect on September 11, 2001,
- 9 and shall apply with respect to deaths occurring on or
- 10 after that date.

Passed the Senate April 1, 2003.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,

Secretary.