

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 183

Designating May 14, 2011, as “National Police Survivors Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2011

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. McCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating May 14, 2011, as “National Police Survivors Day”.

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. lists on a Wall of Remembrance the names of more than 19,000 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas in the United States, 1 law enforcement officer is killed every 53 hours;

Whereas in 2010, 152 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty;

Whereas on May 14, 1983, on the eve of the 2nd annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, 10 widows of fallen law enforcement officers came together to discuss the lack of support for law enforcement survivors;

Whereas 1 year later, that discussion led to the formation of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. at the 1st annual National Police Survivors' Seminar, which drew 110 law enforcement survivors from throughout the United States;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. has grown to serve more than 15,000 surviving families of fallen law enforcement officers by providing healing, love, and the opportunity for a renewed life;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. and its 52 chapters throughout the United States provide a program of peer support and counseling to law enforcement survivors, help survivors obtain the death benefits to which they are entitled, and sponsor scholarships to enable children and surviving spouses to pursue postsecondary education;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. sponsors a year-round series of seminars, meetings, and youth activities, including the National Police Survivors' Seminar during National Police Week, retreats for parents, spouses, and siblings, and programs and summer activities for children;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. helps law enforcement agencies cope with the loss of an officer by promoting the adoption of standardized policies and procedures for line-of-duty deaths; and

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. inspires the public to recognize the sacrifices made by law enforcement families by encouraging all citizens of the United States to tie a blue ribbon to their car antenna during National Police Week: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) designates May 14, 2011, as “National Po-  
2           lice Survivors Day”; and

3           (2) calls on the people of the United States to  
4           observe “National Police Survivors Day” with appro-  
5           priate ceremonies to pay respect to—

6                   (A) the survivors of the fallen heroes of  
7                   law enforcement; and

8                   (B) the fallen law enforcement officers  
9                   who, through their courageous deeds, have  
10                  made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the  
11                  community.

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