

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1892

AN ACT

To amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Hometown
3 Heroes Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING THE FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-
5 STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A
6 FIRST RESPONDER SERVING IN THE LINE OF
7 DUTY.**

8 (a) AMENDMENT.—The sixth sentence of section
9 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “or” after “possession of the
11 United States” and inserting a comma;

12 (2) by inserting “or the death of a first re-
13 sponder working in any State, territory, or posses-
14 sion who dies while serving in the line of duty,”
15 after “while serving on active duty,”;

16 (3) by striking “and” after “former officials of
17 the District of Columbia” and inserting a comma;
18 and

19 (4) by inserting before the period the following:
20 “, and first responders working in the District of
21 Columbia”.

22 (b) FIRST RESPONDER DEFINED.—Such subsection
23 is further amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “, United
25 States Code; and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(4) the term ‘first responder’ means a ‘public
6 safety officer’ as defined in section 1204 of the Om-
7 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
8 (42 U.S.C. 3796b).”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first respond-
11 ers occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 18, 2017.

Attest:

Clerk.

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