

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5459

To authorize funds for the United States Marshals Service's Fugitive Safe Surrender Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2006

Mrs. JONES of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Fugitive Safe Surrender is a program of the  
6       United States Marshals Service, in partnership with  
7       public, private, and faith-based organizations, which  
8       temporarily transforms a church into a courthouse,  
9       so fugitives can turn themselves in, in an atmos-

1        phere where they feel more comfortable to do so, and  
2        have nonviolent cases adjudicated immediately.

3           (2) In the 4-day pilot program in Cleveland,  
4        Ohio, over 800 fugitives turned themselves in. By  
5        contrast, a successful Fugitive Task Force sweep,  
6        conducted for 3 days after Fugitive Safe Surrender,  
7        resulted in the arrest of 65 individuals.

8           (3) Fugitive Safe Surrender is safer for defend-  
9        ants, law enforcement, and innocent bystanders than  
10       needing to conduct a sweep.

11          (4) Based upon the success of the pilot pro-  
12        gram, Fugitive Safe Surrender should be expanded  
13        to other cities throughout the United States.

14   **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

15          (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Marshals Serv-  
16        ice shall establish, direct, and coordinate a program (to  
17        be known as the “Fugitive Safe Surrender Program”),  
18        under which the United States Marshals Service shall ap-  
19        prehend Federal, State, and local fugitives in a safe, se-  
20        cure, and peaceful manner to be coordinated with law en-  
21        forcement and community leaders in designated cities  
22        throughout the United States.

23          (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24        are authorized to be appropriated to the United States  
25        Marshals Service to carry out this section—

- 1           (1) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- 2           (2) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- 3           (3) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

4           (c) OTHER EXISTING APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in  
5 this section shall be construed to limit any existing author-  
6 ity under any other provision of Federal or State law for  
7 law enforcement agencies to locate or apprehend fugitives  
8 through task forces or any other means.

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