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H. R. 2450

To authorize grants for the construction of memorials to honor men and women of the United States who were killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or public safety officers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. FROST, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 “Law Enforcement Me-
5 morial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The well-being of all citizens of the United
2 States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result
3 of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement
4 and public safety personnel.

5 (2) More than 700,000 law enforcement offi-
6 cers, both men and women, at great risk to their
7 personal safety, serve their fellow citizens as guard-
8 ians of peace.

9 (3) Nationwide, 51 law enforcement officers
10 were killed in the line of duty in 2000, according to
11 statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Inves-
12 tigation. This number is an increase of 9 from the
13 1999 total of 42.

14 (4) In 1999, 112 firefighters died while on
15 duty, an increase of 21 deaths from the previous
16 year.

17 (5) Every year, 1 in 9 peace officers is as-
18 saulted, 1 in 25 is injured, and 1 in 4,400 is killed
19 in the line of duty.

20 (6) In addition, recent statistics indicate that
21 83 officers were accidentally killed in the perform-
22 ance of their duties in 2000, an increase of 18 from
23 the 65 accidental deaths in 1999.

24 (7) A memorial is a powerful tribute to the men
25 and women who have served our Nation with distinc-

1 tion. However, many law enforcement agencies lack
2 the resources to build a memorial to their fallen col-
3 leagues.

4 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—From amounts made available to
6 carry out this section, the Attorney General may make
7 grants to States, units of local government, and Indian
8 tribes to carry out programs to construct memorials to
9 honor men and women of the United States who were
10 killed or disabled while serving as law enforcement or pub-
11 lic safety officers.

12 (b) **USES OF FUNDS.**—Grants awarded under this
13 section shall be distributed directly to the State, unit of
14 local government, or Indian tribe, and shall be used for
15 the purposes specified in subsection (a).

16 (c) **\$150,000 LIMITATION.**—A grant under this sec-
17 tion may not exceed \$150,000 to any single recipient.

18 (d) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—

19 (1) The Federal portion of the costs of a pro-
20 gram provided by a grant under this section may not
21 exceed 50 percent.

22 (2) Any funds appropriated by Congress for the
23 activities of any agency of an Indian tribal govern-
24 ment or the Bureau of Indian Affairs performing
25 law enforcement or public safety functions on any

1 Indian lands may be used to provide the non-Federal
2 share of a matching requirement funded under this
3 subsection.

4 (e) APPLICATIONS.—To request a grant under this
5 section, the chief executive of a State, unit of local govern-
6 ment, or Indian tribe shall submit an application to the
7 Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and ac-
8 companied by such information as the Attorney General
9 may require.

10 (f) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
11 November 30 of each year, the Attorney General shall sub-
12 mit a report to the Congress regarding the activities car-
13 ried out under this section. Each such report shall include,
14 for the preceding fiscal year, the number of grants funded
15 under this section, the amount of funds provided under
16 those grants, and the activities for which those funds were
17 used.

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

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