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Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women killed or disabled while serving as peace officers.

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Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women killed or disabled while serving as peace officers.

Whereas the well-being of all people of the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel;

Whereas more than 700,000 law enforcement personnel, at great risk to their personal safety, serve their fellow citizens as guardians of peace;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in preserving the right of the children of the United States to receive an education in a crime-free environment, a right that is all too often threatened by the insidious fear caused by violence in schools;

Whereas 70 peace officers died at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, the most peace officers ever killed in a single incident in the history of the Nation;

Whereas more than 220 peace officers across the Nation were killed in the line of duty during 2001, which represents 57 percent more police fatalities than the previous year and makes 2001 the deadliest year for the law enforcement community since 1974;

Whereas every year, 1 out of every 9 peace officers is assaulted, 1 out of every 25 peace officers is injured, and 1 out of every 4,400 peace officers is killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas on May 15, 2002, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington, D.C. to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor those comrades and all others who went before them: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the House that there
3 should be established a Peace Officers Memorial Day
4 in honor of Federal, State, and local peace officers
5 killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

6 (2) the House calls upon the people of the
7 United States to observe such a day with appropriate
8 ceremonies and respect.

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