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HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO HELP OFFICERS WITH MENTAL WELLNESS *The “STOIC Act” now goes to the President for his signature*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed the passage of S. 998, the “Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act,” in the U.S. House of Representatives under a suspension of the rules on a voice vote.

“It is a sad fact that we lose more officers to suicide every year than we lose in the line of duty. In fact, four New York City Police Officers took their own lives in the last three weeks,” said Canterbury. “I know we can do more to help the officers suffering from job-related stress and address the need for better mental resiliency and wellness for our officers and their families. We’re grateful to Senators Hawley and Whitehouse, as well as Representatives Reschenthaler and Dean, for their leadership on this issue.”

The “STOIC Act” would revive and expand programs designed to help officers and their families with stress reduction, suicide prevention, and the promotion of overall mental health and wellness. The bill will now go to the President, who is expected to sign it into law.

“The FOP played a prominent role in getting the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act signed into law in the last Congress,” Canterbury said. “This legislation builds on and expands that work and we’re proud to have been part of this successful effort.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.

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