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PROTECT AND SERVE ACT PASSES COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ACTION SETS UP POTENTIAL FLOOR VOTE DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed news that the House Committee on the Judiciary favorably reported H.R. 5698, the “Protect and Serve Act” on a unanimous voice vote. This legislation provides Federal penalties for individuals who deliberately target local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers with violence.

“Our members are increasingly under fire by individuals motivated by nothing more than a desire to kill or injure a cop. Enough is enough! It is time to do more to protect law enforcement officers from deliberate targeted attacks,” declared Canterbury. “Law enforcement officers, who serve their communities and put their lives on the line for fellow citizens, should not be hunted and targeted just because of the uniform that they wear. We are grateful for Chairman Goodlatte’s unwavering support and commitment for the safety of our nation’s law enforcement officers. I applaud the Committee for swiftly moving the ‘Protect and Serve Act’.”

Representative John Rutherford (R-FL) and Representative Val Demings (D-FL), a former sheriff and a former chief of police, have come together to champion this important law enforcement issue. Both know what it means to walk a beat and face the dangers of the job day in and day out. The bill is now pending on the House floor and could be considered as soon as next week during National Police Week.

“Law enforcement is a higher calling for those who take the oath to protect and serve. It is these men and women who run toward danger to protect the public when everyone else is running away,” stated Canterbury. “The members of the law enforcement family are the very best of not just our communities, but our country. This family of officers have suffered too many tragedies in the last few years by those who choose to demonize our profession and incite violence against our officers.”

The National Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the country with over 335,000 members.