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FOP Applauds Senate Passage of the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act!

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded news that the Senate passed S. 597, the “Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act,” that was re-introduced by Senators Robert P. Casey (D-PA), Patrick J. Toomey (R-PA), Susan M. Collins (R-ME) and Joseph S. Donnelly (D-IN).

“Months after we honored our fallen heroes during Police Week, this important piece of legislation passed the Senate with unanimous consent.” Canterbury said. “I am glad to see Senator Casey join with Senators Toomey, Collins and Donnelly to reintroduce this bill, but also I am glad to see the entire Senate come together to pass this legislation. There is no reason that this significant piece of legislation with its strong bipartisan support should not become law. Passing this bill is the right thing to do for the men and women of law enforcement especially after we honored 234 of them who made the ultimate sacrifice in 2016.”

This bill would make a college education more affordable to survivor families by increasing the availability of Pell Grants by eliminating the Expected Family Contribution in the eligibility formula.

“In 2016 234 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the United States, 234 officers who will never be able to see their families again,” Canterbury said. “While no amount of financial assistance can replace a loved one, providing the children of fallen officers with Federal Pell Grants for their college education is a noble act.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 330,000 members in every region of the country.