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FOP Applauds Reintroduction of the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

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

“Last year during Police Week this important piece of legislation passed the Senate with unanimous consent, but unfortunately was held up by the House,” Canterbury said. “I am glad to see Senator Casey join with Senators Toomey, Collins and Donnelly to reintroduce this bill. There is no reason that this important piece of legislation with its strong bipartisan support should be stopped again. Passing this bill is the right thing to do for the men and women of law enforcement.”

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 140 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the United States, 140 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.