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SENATE CLEARS FALLEN HEROES FLAG ACT *Legislation will provide Capitol-flown flags to families of fallen public safety officers*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed news that the United States Senate passed S. 2755, the “Fallen Heroes Flag Act,” by unanimous consent last night.

“The FOP has been working on this legislation since the 1990s because we thought it was important that Members of Congress have the ability to recognize the sacrifice of our nation’s law enforcement and other public safety officers by flying a flag over the U.S. Capitol in their honor,” Canterbury said.

The House bill, H.R. 723, was introduced by Representative Peter T. King (R-NY), a long-time proponent of the legislation. It was approved by the House last May during National Police Week but languished in the Senate. The FOP engaged with the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Rules Committee, Senators Roy D. Blunt (R-MO) and Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), who pledged to work with the FOP to draft a Senate companion bill.

“The FOP engaged with the Rules Committee and reached out to the Majority Leader, Senator Mitch McConnell, whose support and cosponsorship of the measure helped get it to the floor this week,” Canterbury said. “We expect the House to hold the Senate version of the bill at the desk and take it up during National Police Week in May.”

The legislation would provide the families of law enforcement officers and other public safety officers who have been killed in the line of duty with a United States flag which was flown over the Capitol in recognition of their sacrifice.

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