

## **AFSA Thanks Our Supporters in Congress – and encourages our members to do the same**

AFSA is pleased to recognize the sponsors and supporters of two bills that have been introduced in Congress to honor members of the Foreign Service who give their lives in service to their country. The **Foreign Service Line of Duty Death Gratuity Act of 2011 (S. 1493/H. R. 2881)** provides compensation and increases benefits to families of Foreign Service employees killed in the line of duty. It also retroactively extends benefits to relatives of U.S. citizens who died in the August 7, 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya. The **Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011 (S. 1444/H. R. 2061)** allows federal agencies to present an American flag for the funeral of a federal civilian employee killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a federal employee. Both of these bills have been introduced in the House and the Senate and have bipartisan support from more than 20 members of Congress.

We encourage all Foreign Service personnel, current and former, to take a few minutes to write a quick thank you to your senator or representative if they supported either of the corresponding bills. Over time this can make a real difference when they consider other issues that affect the Foreign Service. We want our elected representatives to know that members of the Foreign Service notice and appreciate it when legislators support diplomacy and development and the Foreign Service. The complete list of cosponsors for both bills is below, with links to their contact pages. Please keep in mind the [Anti-Lobbying Act](#) and [Hatch Act](#) in writing your thank you note, and please also let us know if you write to your representatives by emailing [Action@afsa.org](mailto:Action@afsa.org).

In the Senate, **Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)** and **Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)** are the lead sponsors of the Foreign Service Line of Duty Death Gratuity Act, and **Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI)** is the lead sponsor of the Civilian Service Recognition Act. In the House, **Representative Allen West (R-FL)** and **Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS)** are the lead sponsors of the Foreign Service Line of Duty Death Gratuity Act, and **Representative Richard Hanna (R-NY)** and **Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)** are the lead sponsors of the Civilian Service Recognition Act.

### **Foreign Service Line of Duty Death Gratuity Act of 2011 (S. 1493/H. R. 2881)**

[Representative Marsha Blackburn](#) (R-TN)

[Senator Roy Blunt](#) (R-MO)

[Representative Madeleine Bordallo](#) (D-GU)

[Representative Corrine Brown](#) (D-FL)

[Representative Dan Burton](#) (R-IN)

[Representative Andre Carson](#) (D-IN)

[Representative Yvette Clarke](#) (D-NY)

[Representative Gerald "Gerry" Connolly](#) (D-VA)

[Representative Michael Grimm](#) (R-NY)

[Representative Gregg Harper](#) (R-MS)

[Representative Alcee Hastings](#) (D-FL)

[Representative Doc Hastings](#) (R-WA)  
[Representative Peter King](#) (R-NY)  
[Senator Herb Kohl](#) (D-WI)  
[Representative Barbara Lee](#) (D-CA)  
[Senator Barbara Mikulski](#) (D-MD)  
[Representative James Moran](#) (D-VA)  
[Representative Alan Nunnelee](#) (D-MS)  
[Representative Steven Palazzo](#) (D-MS)  
[Representative Charles Rangel](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative David Rivera](#) (D-FL)  
[Representative Adam Schiff](#) (R-CA)  
[Representative Bennie Thompson](#) (D-MS)  
[Representative Edolphus Towns](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative Joe Walsh](#) (R-IL)  
[Representative Allen West](#) (R-FL)  
[Representative Frank Wolf](#) (R-VA)

**Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011 (S. 1444/H. R. 2061)**

[Senator Daniel Akaka](#) (D-HI)  
[Representative Roscoe Bartlett](#) (R-MD)  
[Representative Madeleine Bordallo](#) (D-GU)  
[Representative Gerald "Gerry" Connolly](#) (D-VA)  
[Representative Donna Edwards](#) (D-MD)  
[Representative Sam Farr](#) (D-CA)  
[Representative Bob Filner](#) (D-CA)  
[Representative Raul Grijalva](#) (D-AZ)  
[Representative Richard Hanna](#) (R-NY)  
[Representative Andy Harris](#) (R-MD)  
[Representative Maurice Hinchey](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative Robert Hurt](#) (D-VA)  
[Senator Joseph Lieberman](#) (ID-CT)  
[Representative Billy Long](#) (R-MO)  
[Representative James Moran](#) (D-VA)  
[Representative Eleanor Homes Norton](#) (D-DC)  
[Representative William Owens](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative Charles Rangel](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative Silvestre Reyes](#) (D-TX)  
[Representative Paul Tonko](#) (D-NY)  
[Representative Lynn Westmoreland](#) (R-GA)  
[Representative Frederica Wilson](#) (D-FL)  
[Representative Robert Wittman](#) (R-VA)  
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