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To amend title 4, United States Code, to provide for the flying of the flag at half-staff in the event of the death of a first responder in the line of duty.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2011

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honoring Hometown
5 Heroes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING THE FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-**
2 **STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A**
3 **FIRST RESPONDER SERVING IN THE LINE OF**
4 **DUTY.**

5 (a) **AMENDMENT.**—The sixth sentence of section
6 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” after “possession of the
8 United States” and inserting a comma;

9 (2) by inserting “, or the death of a first re-
10 sponder from any State, territory, or possession, who
11 dies while serving in the line of duty” after “while
12 serving on active duty,”;

13 (3) by striking “and” after “former officials of
14 the District of Columbia” and inserting a comma;
15 and

16 (4) by inserting before the period the following:
17 “, and first responders from the District of Colum-
18 bia”.

19 (b) **FIRST RESPONDER DEFINED.**—Such subsection
20 is further amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
22 end;

23 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
24 the end and inserting “; and”; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following new
26 paragraph:

1 “(4) the term ‘first responder’ means a fire-
2 fighter, police officer, or emergency medical service
3 provider.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this Act shall apply to deaths occurring on or after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act.

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