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Making appropriations to ensure the prompt payment by the Department of Defense (and the Department of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard) of the death gratuity paid upon the death of members of the Armed Forces and certain other eligible persons despite the failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2011

Mr. KISSELL (for himself, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SHULER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. LONG, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. FARR, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MCCOTTER, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARROW, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WELCH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mrs. CAPPs, Mr. MCINTYRE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. SIREs, Mr. ALTMIRE, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. FILNER, Mr. COLE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CRITZ, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. HIMES, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. WU, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. PETERSON, and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Honor Our Fallen He-
5 roes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO MILI-**
7 **TARY DEATH GRATUITIES DURING FUNDING**
8 **GAP IMPACTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
9 **FENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-**
10 **CURITY.**

11 (a) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR DEATH GRATU-
12 ITIES.—Amounts are hereby appropriated, out of any
13 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the
14 Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Se-
15 curity in the case of the Coast Guard) during a funding
16 gap impacting the Armed Forces to allow the Secretaries
17 of the military departments (and the Secretary of Home-
18 land Security in the case of the Coast Guard) to pay death

1 gratuities on a timely basis pursuant to subchapter II of
2 chapter 75 of title 10, United States Code, during the
3 funding gap.

4 (b) FUNDING GAP DEFINED.—In this section, the
5 term “funding gap” means any period of time during fis-
6 cal year 2011 for which interim or full-year appropriations
7 (other than as provided by this section) for the personnel
8 accounts of the Armed Forces for that fiscal year have
9 not been enacted.

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