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S. RES. 442

Establishing the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program for the Senate, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. ERNST, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SFC SEAN COOLEY AND SPC CHRISTOPHER**
3 **HORTON CONGRESSIONAL GOLD STAR FAM-**
4 **ILY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “eligible individual” means an in-
7 dividual who meets the eligibility criteria established
8 under subsection (d)(1)(A);

1 (2) the term “Program” means the SFC Sean
2 Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional
3 Gold Star Family Fellowship Program established
4 under subsection (b); and

5 (3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the
6 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

7 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than December 31,
8 2023, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the
9 Sergeant at Arms shall establish a fellowship program to
10 be known as the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher
11 Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Pro-
12 gram for family members of members of the Armed Forces
13 who die in the line of duty or of veterans who die of serv-
14 ice-connected injuries.

15 (c) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under the Program, an eligible
16 individual may serve a 24-month fellowship in the office
17 of a Senator.

18 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Rules
20 and Administration of the Senate shall promulgate
21 regulations for the administration of the Program,
22 including establishing the criteria for—

23 (A) eligibility to participate in a fellowship
24 under the Program; and

1 (B) a method of prioritizing the assign-
2 ment of fellowships to the offices of Senators
3 under the Program, if the amount made avail-
4 able to carry out the Program for a fiscal year
5 is not enough to provide fellowships in all of-
6 fices requesting to participate in the Program
7 for such fiscal year.

8 (2) PLACEMENT.—An eligible individual may
9 serve in a fellowship under the Program at the office
10 of a Senator in the District of Columbia or at a
11 State office of the Senator.

12 (3) AUTHORITY FOR AGREEMENT.—The Ser-
13 geant at Arms may enter into an agreement with the
14 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives for the joint operation of the Program,
16 the Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Pro-
17 gram established under House Resolution 107,
18 116th Congress, agreed to October 29, 2019, and
19 the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program carried
20 out by the Chief Administrative Officer.

21 (e) EXCLUSION OF APPOINTEES FOR PURPOSES OF
22 COMPENSATION LIMITS.—The compensation paid to any
23 eligible individual serving in a fellowship under the Pro-
24 gram in the office of a Senator shall not be included in
25 the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for

1 employees employed by the Senator under section
2 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act,
3 1968 (20 U.S.C. 4575(d)(1)).

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