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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Compensation to Families of Military Service Members Who Gave Their**
3 **Lives in the Service of Our Country**

4 FOR the purpose of urging the President and the Congress of the United States to
5 compensate the families of military service members who gave their lives in the
6 service of our country; providing that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by
7 the Department of Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally
8 relating to compensation to families of military service members who gave their
9 lives in the service of our country.

10 WHEREAS, A recently released study by the Rand Corporation found that the
11 civilian families who lost loved ones in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,
12 received an average of \$3,100,000 in compensation, mostly from the government, and
13 that the families of firefighters and police officers killed as a result of the terrorist
14 attacks received an average of \$4,200,000; and

15 WHEREAS, The current death gratuity for survivors of military service
16 members killed in action is a lump sum payment of \$12,420, and the current monthly
17 payment to surviving spouses who do not remarry is \$993 per month, plus \$247 per
18 child, with a slightly higher amount received per child by surviving children of
19 military service members who did not have a surviving spouse; and

20 WHEREAS, The sacrifices made by military service members who gave their
21 lives in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in other locations in service of our country deserve to
22 be honored by increasing the present compensation to the families of those military
23 service members; and

24 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States is considering legislation that
25 would increase the compensation to the families of military service members who
26 gave their lives in the line of duty; now, therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**, That the Senate urges the
28 President and the Congress of the United States to adequately compensate the
29 families of military service members who gave their lives in the service of our country;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
3 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
4 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
6 Legislative Services to President George W. Bush, The White House, Washington,
7 D.C. 20500; and to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
8 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
9 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, Benjamin L.
10 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
11 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,
12 D.C. 20515.