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H. R. 4690

To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2014

Mr. LYNCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Each year, in every corner of the Nation,
6 the 850,000 men and women of emergency medical
7 services answer more than 30,000,000 calls to serve
8 22,000,000 patients in need of pre-hospital care and
9 comfort at a moment's notice and without reserva-

1 tion. This commitment to others exemplifies the
2 highest traditions of American spirit.

3 (2) As an element of the emergency services
4 sector, emergency medical services stands on the Na-
5 tion's first line of defense in the prevention and
6 mitigation of risk from terrorist attacks, man-made
7 incidents, and natural disasters. The men and
8 women of emergency medical services, serving in
9 both the public and private sectors as career and
10 volunteer emergency medical service providers, are a
11 critical element of the Nation's homeland and na-
12 tional security efforts and provide for the domestic
13 tranquility of its citizens.

14 (3) Statistics compiled by the United States
15 Department of Labor and the National Highway
16 Safety Administration indicate that emergency med-
17 ical services providers die in the line of duty at a
18 rate more than twice the national average for all oc-
19 cupational fatality and 7 times higher from violence
20 than all other health care workers in service to the
21 Nation.

22 (4) We as a Nation have historically and con-
23 tinually rely on the selfless and ultimate sacrifice
24 made by more than 600 members of the Nation's
25 emergency medical services, their families, and loved

1 ones in order to maintain the domestic tranquility,
2 safety, and security of this great Nation.

3 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Emergency Medical
5 Services Memorial foundation may establish the National
6 Emergency Medical Services Memorial as a commemora-
7 tive work on Federal land in the District of Columbia to
8 honor the commitment and ultimate sacrifice of emergency
9 medical service providers.

10 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-
11 RATIVE WORKS.—The memorial shall be established in ac-
12 cordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code.

13 (c) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
14 FUNDS.—The United States shall not pay any expense of
15 the establishment of the memorial.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

17 (1) the term “memorial” means the memorial
18 authorized to be established under subsection (a);
19 and

20 (2) the term “District of Columbia” has the
21 meaning given to the term “District of Columbia
22 and its environs” by section 8902 of title 40, United
23 States Code.

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