

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5055

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$50,000.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Mr. MOORE (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. HILL, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. BERRY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. FORD, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LINDER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. BONO, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. GORDON, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. WATERS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. BONNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE WITH**  
2 **RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) **AMOUNT OF DEATH GRATUITY.**—Section  
5 1478(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
6 striking “\$12,000” and inserting “\$50,000”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
8 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring  
9 on or after September 11, 2001.

10 (c) **OFFSET.**—The Secretary of Defense shall derive  
11 funds for amounts payable during fiscal year 2005 by rea-  
12 son of the amendment made by subsection (a) from  
13 amounts available for that fiscal year for travel for per-  
14 sonnel assigned to, or employed in, the Office of the Sec-  
15 retary of Defense. Amounts for such purpose shall be  
16 transferred to the appropriate accounts of the Department  
17 of Defense available for such payments, and amounts so  
18 transferred shall not be counted for purposes of any limi-  
19 tation on the amount of transfers of Department of De-  
20 fense funds during that fiscal year.

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