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# H. R. 292

To amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2005

Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BACA, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. WELLER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. LEACH, Ms. LEE, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. OTTER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. OLVER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. SHAYS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOLT, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KIND, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STUPAK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, and Mr. ADERHOLT) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Military Death Benefit  
3 Improvement Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE WITH RE-**  
5 **SPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) **AMOUNT OF DEATH GRATUITY.**—Section  
7 1478(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
8 striking “\$12,000” and inserting “\$100,000”.

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

12 (c) **FUNDING.**—

13 (1) **SOURCE OF FUNDS.**—Amounts for the pay-  
14 ment during fiscal year 2005 of death gratuities by  
15 a Secretary concerned under sections 1475 through  
16 1477 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by  
17 subsection (a), shall be derived from amounts avail-  
18 able for such fiscal year to that Secretary for oper-  
19 ation and maintenance.

20 (2) **SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.**—In this  
21 subsection, the term “Secretary concerned” has the  
22 meaning given such term in section 101(a)(9) of  
23 title 10, United States Code.

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