



H.RES. 1132 – SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1132 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) on April 22, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the resolution by voice vote on May 1, 2008.

H.Res. 1132 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on XXXXXXXX, XX XXXX

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1132 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor Federal, State, and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and
- Calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

BACKGROUND

Peace Officers Memorial Day honors Federal, State, and local police officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed annually on the 15th of May. Today, there are over 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the U.S. In 2007, there were 181 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The first National Peace Officers' Memorial Service was held in Washington, D.C., in 1982, as a part of National Police Week, which was designated by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. Every year, the Memorial Service activities include a candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and a National Police Survivors' Seminar. This year's service will be held on May 15th.

September 11, 2001 is the deadliest day in the history of U.S. law enforcement, with 72 officers of the New York City Police Department killed in the line of duty while responding to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Buildings.

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