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H. R. 1147

To provide for the issuance of a Families of Fallen Heroes Semipostal Stamp.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Ms. ESTY (for herself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Support the Families
5 of Fallen Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to afford a convenient
8 way for members of the public to contribute to funding

1 for programs benefitting the families of fallen service
2 members, the United States Postal Service shall issue a
3 semipostal stamp (referred to in this Act as the “Families
4 of Fallen Heroes Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with
5 the provisions of this section.

6 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The issuance and sale of the
8 Families of Fallen Heroes Semipostal Stamp under
9 this section shall be governed by the provisions of
10 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and reg-
11 ulations issued under such section, subject to the re-
12 quirements of this subsection.

13 (2) DURATION.—The Families of Fallen Heroes
14 Semipostal Stamp shall be made available to the
15 public for a period of 4 years, beginning no later
16 than 12 months after the date of the enactment of
17 this Act.

18 (3) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—After costs
19 have been recovered by the United States Postal
20 Service pursuant to section 416(d)(5) of title 39,
21 United States Code, any amounts becoming available
22 from the sale of the Families of Fallen Heroes
23 Semipostal Stamp (as determined under section
24 416(d) of such title) shall be transferred, through

1 payments which shall be made at least twice a year,
2 as follows:

3 (A) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
4 transferred to the Tragedy Assistance Program
5 for Survivors.

6 (B) 50 percent of such amounts shall be
7 transferred to the Families of the Fallen sup-
8 port program of the United Service Organiza-
9 tions, Inc.

10 (4) AGENCIES.—The Tragedy Assistance Pro-
11 gram for Survivors and Families of the Fallen sup-
12 port program of the United Service Organizations,
13 Inc., shall be deemed to be agencies for purposes of
14 applying section 416(d)(1) of title 39, United States
15 Code.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “semipostal
17 stamp” refers to a stamp described in section 416(a)(1)
18 of title 39, United States Code.

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