

HOUSE No. 2683

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh and Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2683) of Thomas P. Walsh and Bruce E. Tarr relative to providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2794 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 official edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 89E the following section:-

3 Section 89F. If a sworn police officer of a police department of city or town, a sworn
4 police officer of the department of state police or a firefighter for a fire department of a city or
5 town, is killed, or dies from injuries received, or dies as a natural or proximate result of
6 undergoing a hazard peculiar to his or her employment, while in the performance of his or her
7 duty, their next of kin shall receive a flag of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and a flag of
8 the United States during the memorial service, the cost of which shall be borne by the
9 commonwealth.