HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1772 FILED ON: 1/15/2025

HOUSE . . . . . No. 2993

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh

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:
Thomas P. Walsh	*12th Essex*	*1/15/2025*
Adrianne Pusateri Ramos	*14th Essex*	*3/12/2025*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*5/2/2025*
Jeffrey Rosario Turco	*19th Suffolk*	*5/2/2025*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*5/2/2025*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*	*5/2/2025*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*5/5/2025*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*5/7/2025*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*5/14/2025*
Peter J. Durant	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*5/14/2025*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*5/14/2025*
Jennifer Balinsky Armini	*8th Essex*	*5/15/2025*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*5/15/2025*
Norman J. Orrall	*12th Bristol*	*5/15/2025*
Michael S. Chaisson	*1st Bristol*	*5/15/2025*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*5/15/2025*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*	*5/15/2025*

Richard G. Wells, Jr.	*7th Norfolk*	*5/21/2025*
John J. Marsi	*6th Worcester*	*5/21/2025*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*5/21/2025*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*5/30/2025*
Michelle L. Badger	*1st Plymouth*	*6/16/2025*
Adam J. Scanlon	*14th Bristol*	*7/23/2025*

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2993) of Thomas P. Walsh 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. *2683* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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:

Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 89E the following section:-

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