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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act authorizing flying the flag of the Commonwealth at half-staff upon the death of certain police officers and firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*[District]*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Richard T. Moore	*[District]*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
James B. Eldridge	*[District]*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex and Middlesex*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	*[District]*
Bruce E. Tarr	*[District]*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1573) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Thomas M. Stanley, Richard T. Moore, James J. Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to flying flags at half-staff upon the death of a police officer or firefighter. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act authorizing flying the flag of the Commonwealth at half-staff upon the death of certain police officers and firefighters.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (f) of section 6A of chapter 2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 35, the words "; and", and inserting in place thereof the following:- "."

SECTION 2. Section 6A of chapter 2, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (f) the following subsection:- (f1/2) In the event of the death of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, as the result of a direct adversarial force or at or by the hand of an adversary, from the day of death until sunset of the day of interment in accordance with such orders or instructions as may be issued by or at the direction of the governor; and