

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1782**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***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:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1782) of Bruce E. Tarr, Thomas P. Walsh and Hannah Kane for legislation to provide 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.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1588 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 89E the  
2 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.