

118TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 737

Supporting Senate military-connected fellowship opportunities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2024

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting Senate military-connected fellowship opportunities, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. STARS OF VALOR FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “eligible individual” means an in-
5 dividual who meets the eligibility criteria established
6 under subsection (d)(1)(A);

7 (2) the term “Program” means the Stars of
8 Valor Fellowships Program established under sub-
9 section (b); and

1 (3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the
2 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
5 2024, and subject to the availability of appropria-
6 tions, the Sergeant at Arms shall establish a central
7 program, to be known as the “Stars of Valor Fellow-
8 ships Program”, to enable eligible individuals to
9 serve in the military-connected fellowship programs
10 of the Senate.

11 (2) COMPONENTS.—The Program shall oversee
12 and provide fellowships through—

13 (A) the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Chris-
14 topher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family
15 Fellowship Program established under section 1
16 of Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress),
17 agreed to November 4, 2021;

18 (B) the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Pro-
19 gram established under section 1 of Senate Res-
20 olution 443 (117th Congress), agreed to No-
21 vember 4, 2021;

22 (C) the Active-Duty Military Spouses Fel-
23 lowship Program established under section 2;
24 and

1 (D) any additional military-connected fel-
2 lowship program for eligible individuals estab-
3 lished in regulations promulgated by the Com-
4 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
5 ate.

6 (c) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under a fellowship in the Pro-
7 gram, an eligible individual may serve a 24-month fellow-
8 ship in the office of a Senator.

9 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Rules
11 and Administration of the Senate shall promulgate
12 regulations for the administration of the Program,
13 including establishing the criteria for—

14 (A) eligibility to participate in the fellow-
15 ship programs described in subsection (b)(2);
16 and

17 (B) a method of prioritizing the assign-
18 ment of fellowships to the offices of Senators
19 under the Program, if the amount made avail-
20 able to carry out the Program for a fiscal year
21 is not enough to provide fellowships in all of-
22 fices requesting to participate in the Program
23 for such fiscal year.

24 (2) PLACEMENT.—An eligible individual may
25 serve in a fellowship under the Program at the office

1 of a Senator in the District of Columbia or at a
2 State office of the Senator.

3 (e) EXCLUSION OF APPOINTEES FOR PURPOSES OF
4 COMPENSATION LIMITS.—The compensation paid to any
5 eligible individual serving in a fellowship under the Pro-
6 gram in the office of a Senator shall not be included in
7 the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for
8 employees employed by the Senator under section
9 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act,
10 1968 (2 U.S.C. 4575(d)(1)).

11 (f) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of this sec-
12 tion shall apply to all fellowship programs described in
13 subsection (b)(2).

14 (g) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) SFC SEAN COOLEY AND SPC CHRISTOPHER
16 HORTON CONGRESSIONAL GOLD STAR FAMILY FEL-
17 LOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 1(d) of Senate Resolu-
18 tion 442 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4,
19 2021, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

20 (2) MCCAIN-MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIP PRO-
21 GRAM.—Section 1(d) of Senate Resolution 443
22 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4, 2021, is
23 amended by striking paragraph (3).

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY SPOUSES FELLOWSHIP**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “eligible individual” means an in-
5 dividual who—

6 (A) is, as of the date of application for the
7 Program, a spouse of a member of the Armed
8 Forces serving on active duty; and

9 (B) meets any other eligibility criteria es-
10 tablished for the Program by the Committee on
11 Rules and Administration of the Senate under
12 section 1(d)(1)(A);

13 (2) the term “Program” means the Active-Duty
14 Military Spouses Fellowship Program established
15 under subsection (b); and

16 (3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the
17 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than December 31,
19 2024, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the
20 Sergeant at Arms shall establish a fellowship program, to
21 be known as the “Active-Duty Military Spouses Fellow-
22 ship Program”, for eligible individuals.

23 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Sergeant at Arms shall
24 carry out the Program through the Stars of Valor Fellow-
25 ships Program under section 1.

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