
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY D. WHITE AND STACK, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President and the Congress of the United
2 States to increase the military death gratuity payment and
3 coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance
4 program and to require the Federal Government to pay the
5 premiums for members of the armed forces.

6 WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces, a total force
7 comprised of active, National Guard and reserve personnel, are
8 now undertaking courageous and determined operations against
9 insurgents in Iraq and terrorist forces in Afghanistan and other
10 parts of the world; and

11 WHEREAS, The men and women of our armed forces, while
12 continuously in harm's way, perform their duties and missions in
13 all military conflicts in which the United States is currently
14 engaged; and

15 WHEREAS, In time of war, each member of our armed forces may
16 have to pay the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of duty to
17 our nation; and

18 WHEREAS, An increase in the current Servicemembers' Group
19 Life Insurance (SGLI) program's maximum coverage amount of

1 \$250,000 and an increase in the current \$12,420 death gratuity
2 payment would greatly benefit the surviving family of an armed
3 forces member killed in action; and

4 WHEREAS, A program change to require the Federal Government
5 to pay the SGLI program's premiums for each armed forces member
6 would greatly benefit those men and women who serve our nation
7 in times of need; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to
10 increase the military death gratuity payment and the SGLI
11 maximum benefit and to require the Federal Government to pay the
12 SGLI premiums for members of our armed forces; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
15 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
16 Pennsylvania.