

Please Support H.R. 2274 to Establish a National EMS Memorial

Request

Please support H.R. 2274, to establish a National EMS Memorial introduced by Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA).

The legislation creates the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation, which will undertake the effort of designing and creating a memorial in Washington, D.C. to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's EMS practitioners.

Background

Each year, 850,000 EMS practitioners answer more than 30 million calls to serve 22 million patients in need of care at a moment's notice and without reservation. According to the Department of Labor and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, EMS practitioners die in the line of duty at a rate more than twice the national average for all occupational fatalities. In addition, during their careers, EMS practitioners experience an injury rate of virtually 100 percent.

H.R. 2274 will ensure that commemorative work is created in the nation's capital that will recognize the ultimate sacrifice of EMS practitioners and will honor the dedication of all EMS practitioners nationwide.

Cost

Under the bill, no federal funds would be used to pay any expense related to establishing the commemorative work, and it would be the sole responsibility of the National EMS Memorial Foundation to accept contributions and pay for construction.

Current Co-Sponsors

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