

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-AL) and Congressman Dennis Moore (D-KS) introduced bipartisan legislation today to honor our soldiers by increasing the military death benefit to \$100,000.

“We must do more to assist the survivors of servicemen and women to overcome the emotional and financial burdens placed upon them as a result of their loss. The present death benefit is grossly inadequate to compensate the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Bachus.

Retroactively applied to all military servicemen and women who have died since September 11th, 2001, this bill will provide much needed financial assistance for the families of those who have been killed in the line of duty.

“In addition to demonstrating a greater understanding and appreciation for the sacrifice our service personnel made, this bill would provide much-needed financial assistance for military families,” Congressman Moore said. “Raising the military death gratuity is not about Republicans or Democrats. It is about supporting the families of those who sacrificed for our country so we can live in freedom.”

In the last Congress, Bachus and Moore garnered the support of 219 bipartisan cosponsors for similar legislation introduced September 9th, 2004. That bill was endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America.

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