

I voted Yes on **H.R. 2061, the Civilian Service Recognition Act, which I sponsored**. The bill would allow the United States to present a flag to the family of a federal civilian employee who is killed on the job as a result of a criminal act, terrorism, natural disaster, or an extraordinary event as determined by the President.

Since 1992, almost 3,000 civilian federal workers have been killed while on duty, both in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti – but also in places like Oklahoma City, and Austin, Texas. More than two million federal civilian employees work within our country and in countless overseas posts, many of them in dangerous jobs at agencies like Customs and Border Protection and the FBI.

This is a modest, but significant benefit to honor federal civilian employees who work within our country and in countless overseas posts. Ours is a grateful nation, one that values the sacrifices made in honor of this country. A life can never be repaid, but it can be honored.

The Congressional Budget Office found that the bill would have no effect on the federal budget. The legislation was supported by dozens of civil service groups, the American Legion, and national security leaders like former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

The bill passed by a vote of **425 – 0**.