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The Honorable Trent Kelly
United States House of Representatives
1005 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly:

On behalf of the nearly 2 million members of The American Legion, we wish express support for **H.Res.107**, *SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program,* as currently written. This bill would establish the Congressional Gold Star Fellowship Program for the placement in offices of Members of the House of Representatives of the children, spouses, and siblings of members of the Armed Forces who are hostile casualties or who have died from a training-related injury.

Named after two heroic soldiers who lost their life on the battlefield, The SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program would give eligible family members a means to participate in the government for which their loved ones sacrificed so much. Through The American Legion Resolution No. 14: *Establish Gold Star Families Program* passed at The American Legion's National Convention in 2018, we support measures that demonstrate the fullest support possible to this nation's Gold Star Families.

The American Legion applauds your leadership in addressing issues that are important to America's servicemembers, veterans and their families.

For God & Country,

James W. "Bill" Oxford

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