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# Honoring Our Fallen TSA Heroes (HR 99)

## What you need to know:

- In 2013, Officer Gerardo Hernandez became the first TSA officer to die in the line of duty when he was killed at LAX Airport but, it took an Act of Congress to ensure his family could receive for public safety officer death benefits.
- The Public Safety Officers' Benefit Program was enacted to recognize the sacrifice of those who protect and serve our country. Currently only federal, state, and local police officers, firefighters, EMS, and state troopers are eligible these benefits.
- HR 99, the Honoring Our Fallen TSA Officers Act, ensures that the family of a TSO who dies in the line of duty won't face several years of uncertainty before being eligible for public safety officer benefits.
- Under current law the families of TSOs killed or injured in the line of duty are not eligible for public safety officers' death benefits.
- Eligibility for public safety officer benefits will demonstrate that the contributions of our nation's TSOs to aviation security are recognized and valued.