

A Place In History

New Museum To Highlight Law Enforcement Deeds

(NAPS)—The Police Profession's commitment to "service and sacrifice" is soon to be showcased. The U.S. Congress has approved legislation authorizing the construction of a national museum honoring Americans who serve in law enforcement.

The National Law Enforcement Museum will be built in Washington, D.C., by the same nonprofit organization that constructed and now oversees the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991.

Plans call for the museum to be located directly across the street from the Memorial. It is expected to include more than 50,000 square feet of mostly underground space, and cost about \$25 million. The museum will be privately funded.

Memorial Chairman Craig W. Floyd said, "This museum will be the perfect complement to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in commemorating the police profession's extraordinary record of service and sacrifice."

According to Mr. Floyd, more

than 15,000 federal, state and local officers have been killed in the line of duty. This dates back to the first recorded death in 1792. It is estimated that roughly 740,000 officers are currently serving in the United States.

U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Co) authored the legislation. A former deputy sheriff, Sen. Campbell believes the courage and sacrifice displayed by America's law enforcement officers has a profound and positive effect on society.

Said Sen. Campbell, "Establishing this museum is the least we can do to honor them and ensure their stories of heroism and sacrifice are never forgotten."

Joining Sen. Campbell in this legislative effort was U.S. Rep. Joel Hefley (R-Co). The legislation received the strong support of the 15 national law enforcement groups that comprise the board of directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

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