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Statement from NAPO President Mick McHale Responding to Representatives Bush and Tlaib No Votes on National Police Week Resolution

Alexandria, VA – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution marking National Police Week by a vote of 413-2. This resolution, which the House takes up every year during National Police Week, recognizes the heroism and sacrifice of our nation’s law enforcement officers and honors the 556 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty and whose names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The 556 includes the 224 officers who were killed in 2022 and 332 officers who were killed in previous years whose stories were recovered in 2022.

NAPO would expect every Member of Congress to vote in favor of this resolution, particularly during National Police Week when the country honors the men and women who serve and protect our communities as part of this honorable profession. However, Representatives Cori Bush (D-MO) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) both raised their voices against this resolution. At a time when Congressional Representatives, including Representative Bush, are hiring security guards and requesting increased U.S. Capitol Police protection, it is unfathomable that they would vote against honoring the very men and women who work to protect them.

While we recognize that Representatives Bush and Tlaib have painted themselves into a corner with their failed efforts to gut American policing, the fact that they refuse to acknowledge the men and women who have given their lives in defense and protection of their communities is appalling.

NAPO thanks the 413 Members of Congress who voted for the resolution and stood up for America’s law enforcement community during National Police Week.

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The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police units and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America’s law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, and over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers.