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## Capitol Police Officers on Memorial Service for Officer Sicknick

The Officers of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) welcome a proposal for a Memorial Service at the Capitol Rotunda for our colleague, Officer Brian Sicknick who lost his life as a result of the insurrection on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Ralph Norman, both of South Carolina, are introducing a bill that would allow Officer Sicknick to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda, prior to his internment at Arlington National Cemetery on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The bill would also install a plaque inscribed with Officer Sicknick's name near the Capitol steps, to serve as a reminder to all who pass by that he served with courage and he made the ultimate sacrifice.

Union Chairman, Gus Papathanasiou says, "We must never forget the events of January 6<sup>th</sup> and the loss of life that occurred. This Memorial Service will help reassure Officer Sicknick's family, and his fellow officers, that he will not be forgotten."

The Union joins with the two Members of Congress in calling for Officer Sicknick's family to receive support from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund.

Chairman Papathanasiou says, "Officer Sicknick died because he put the lives of Members of Congress and their staff before his own safety – he did his duty. We should commemorate his life and service with respect and dignity."

Passage of the bill will require unanimous consent to pass in time for the proposed Memorial Service. The Union urges all Members of Congress to lend their support.