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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LA MALFA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. POSEY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. McGovern, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “First Responders Passport Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. PASSPORTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

(a) In General.—Subsection (a) of section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214; 41 Stat. 750; com-
monly referred to as the “Passport Act of 1920”), is amended, in the third sentence, by inserting after “to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member;” the following: “from an individual who is operating under a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the United States Government, including a volunteer, who is proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster as determined by the Secretary;”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the end of the first full fiscal year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the number of waivers of fees for the execution and issuance of passports to first responders under section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, for such fiscal year.