

STATEMENT OF SENATOR CARL LEVIN
ON THE BRIAN TERRY MEMORIAL ACT

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MR LEVIN. I am pleased that the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is marking up the Brian Terry Memorial Act today, and that it has the overwhelming support of my colleagues.

Agent Terry, a native of Flat Rock, Mich., dedicated his life to public service and the protection of our country and its citizens. He served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps and continued his service as a police officer with the cities of Ecorse and Lincoln Park in Michigan prior to joining the U.S. Border Patrol. He was a member of the 699th Session of the Border Patrol Academy assigned to the Naco Border Patrol Station within the Tucson Sector. Tragically, in December 2010, while on patrol 14 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border, Agent Terry was shot and killed during an armed confrontation with suspected criminals..

Agent Terry gave everything in the defense of our country. As we sit here today, thousands of agents are putting their lives on the line to secure our borders and protect our nation. Agent Terry exemplified that courage and heroism and we honor him today with this legislation that will designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Ariz., as the Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station.

This legislation passed the House of Representatives December 14, 2011.

I would like to again thank this Committee for moving forward on this important legislation. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move the legislation through the Senate.