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**Representative Marie Woodson's HB 101 Passes Unanimously
in Ways and Means Committee**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.- On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, **Representative Marie Woodson (D-Hollywood)** presented [HB 101 Homestead Exemption for First Responders](#). This bill passed through the Ways and Means Committee unanimously and was favorably referred to the Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee.

Current legislation allows state and local officers killed in the line of duty to receive a property tax exemption. Unfortunately, in some instances, federal officers have died in the line of duty in our community, and our ability to provide relief to their surviving spouses was limited by this law. Current legislation does not cover the homesteaded property of the surviving spouse of a first responder who dies in the line of duty while employed by the federal government. This bill expands the definition of "first responder" to include certain federal law enforcement officers.

Representative Marie Woodson (D-Hollywood) issued the following statement:

"I am thrilled that this bill has passed its first committee. This bill is completely bipartisan, and I thank my colleagues for their unanimous support. I also want to thank **Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar** for working with me on this bill. I'm looking forward to moving this vital piece of legislation forward."

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