No more pay-to-slay: Pass the Taylor Force Act to curb terror

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It was just two years ago that Taylor Force, a 28-year-old American tourist and former U.S. Army captain who had served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was stabbed to death in Tel Aviv by a Palestinian terrorist who was then shot dead by Israeli police.

While the Force family mourned, the terrorist’s family on the West Bank celebrated and pocketed cash from the Palestinian Authority, as do all terrorists’ families.

The so-called martyr payments, which can go as high as $3,500 per month, add up to about $400 million a year, or more than 20% of the annual foreign aid from all sources that goes to the Palestinian government. No small sum, and a clear message that violence against innocent people, targeted because they happen to be Israeli or American, is incentivized.

The Taylor Force Act, named after a good American murdered by radicals, would stop all U.S. aid to the PA — $300 million a year — unless and until these sickening official rewards for terror cease.

The bill has cleared the House. The Senate is next. President Trump promises his signature.

Force, a West Pointer working on his MBA, served his nation honorably. Pass this law in his name, now.