

By Representative Fields

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the City of Clearwater;
3 providing for the relief of Eva Skowronek as
4 the widow of Wieslaw Skowronek and as Personal
5 Representative of the Estate of Wieslaw
6 Skowronek and for the relief of Anna Marie
7 Skowronek, Victor Skowronek, and Hubert
8 Alexander Skowronek, minor children of Wieslaw
9 Skowronek; authorizing and directing the City
10 of Clearwater to compensate them for the death
11 of Wieslaw Skowronek as a result of the
12 negligence of the City of Clearwater; providing
13 an effective date.
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15 WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 19, 1997, Wieslaw Skowronek
16 was visiting the Virgin Mary apparition at the Seminole
17 Finance Building in Clearwater, Florida, and
18 WHEREAS, as a result of the use of excessive force by a
19 City of Clearwater policeman, Wieslaw Skowronek's pancreas was
20 ruptured and he bled to death, and
21 WHEREAS, the death of Wieslaw Skowronek was clearly the
22 consequence of the negligence of the city, and
23 WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater and Eva Skowronek
24 entered into a settlement agreement in which the city agreed
25 to a settlement in the amount of \$525,000, of which the city
26 would pay \$200,000, Ranger Insurance Company would pay
27 \$125,000, and a claim bill would be submitted for the
28 remaining \$200,000, and
29 WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater has paid \$200,000, the
30 maximum amount allowable under section 768.28, Florida
31 Statutes, and the insurance company has paid \$125,000, and

1 WHEREAS, after payment of attorneys' fees and costs,
2 the court awarded the sum of \$103,896 to Eva Skowronek, and
3 the sum of \$27,965 to be paid to the guardianship account
4 established for Anna Marie Skowronek, the sum of \$27,965 to be
5 paid to the guardianship account established for Victor
6 Skowronek, and the sum of \$27,965 to be paid to the
7 guardianship account established for Hubert Alexander
8 Skowronek, in accordance with sections 732.102 and 732.103,
9 Florida Statutes, which govern the distribution of estate
10 assets for intestate heirs, NOW, THEREFORE,

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this
15 act are found and declared to be true.

16 Section 2. The City of Clearwater is authorized and
17 directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise
18 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$103,896
19 payable to Eva Skowronek, widow and Personal Representative of
20 the Estate of Wieslaw Skowronek, as compensation for injuries
21 and damages sustained.

22 Section 3. The City of Clearwater is authorized and
23 directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise
24 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$27,965
25 payable to the guardianship account established for Anna Marie
26 Skowronek, daughter of Wieslaw Skowronek, as compensation for
27 injuries and damages sustained.

28 Section 4. The City of Clearwater is authorized and
29 directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise
30 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$27,965
31 payable to the guardianship account established for Victor

1 Skowronek, minor child of Wieslaw Skowronek, as compensation
2 for injuries and damages sustained.

3 Section 5. The City of Clearwater is authorized and
4 directed to appropriate from funds of the city not otherwise
5 appropriated and to draw a warrant in the sum of \$27,965
6 payable to the guardianship account established for Hubert
7 Alexander Skowronek, minor child of Wieslaw Skowronek, as
8 compensation for injuries and damages sustained.

9 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

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