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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A MEMORIAL

**PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001 TO BE "FIREFIGHTER DAY" AT
THE LEGISLATURE AND DECLARING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR
FIREFIGHTERS.**

**WHEREAS, more than sixty-five hundred volunteer and career
firefighters protect the residents and visitors in New Mexico
from the threat of fire, natural and man-made disasters and
medical emergencies; and**

**WHEREAS, there are more than three hundred sixty-six fire
departments in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, fire departments responded to one million eight
hundred twenty-three thousand fires across the nation last
year, one fire every seventeen seconds; and**

WHEREAS, nationally, there is a fire-related injury every

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1 twenty-four minutes and a fire-related death every one hundred
2 forty-seven minutes, with four of every five fire-related
3 deaths resulting from home fires; and

4 WHEREAS, one hundred nineteen firefighters lost their
5 lives in 1999 in America protecting the public; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2000 fire season was the worst in New Mexico
7 history; and

8 WHEREAS, the legislature is committed to supporting fire
9 protection services;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 6, 2001
12 be proclaimed "Firefighter Day" at the legislature; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
14 proclaim March 6, 2001 as "Firefighter Day"; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor.