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H. RES. 259

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the establishment of a National Day of Appreciation for Emergency Response and Rescue Workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KING, Mr. WALSH, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. FRANK, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. HEFLEY, Ms. WATSON of California, Mr. FROST, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. BONIOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the establishment of a National Day of Appreciation for Emergency Response and Rescue Workers.

Whereas firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel perform vital public services;

Whereas firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel are ready to provide life saving care to people in need 24 hours a day and 7 days a week;

Whereas more than 1,940,000 men and women serve as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel in the United States;

Whereas firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel respond to more than 16,000,000 emergency calls each year, without reservation and with little regard for their personal safety;

Whereas firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel are the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident;

Whereas firefighting, law enforcement, and emergency services are among the most dangerous professions in the United States;

Whereas approximately 100 firefighters and emergency services personnel die in the line of duty each year;

Whereas 78 emergency response and rescue workers lost their lives while responding to the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001;

Whereas an additional 343 firefighters, 63 law enforcement officers, and 2 emergency services personnel are still missing in the aftermath of such attacks;

Whereas the people of the United States benefit each day from the knowledge, skills, and service of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel;

Whereas a National Day of Appreciation for Emergency Response and Rescue Workers would provide the people of the United States with an opportunity to express their appreciation and gratitude to firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel for their vital service; and

Whereas September 11 of each year would be an appropriate day to establish as a National Day of Appreciation for

Emergency Response and Rescue Workers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) a National Day of Appreciation for Emer-
4 gency Response and Rescue Workers should be es-
5 tablished; and

6 (2) the President should issue a proclamation
7 calling on the people of the United States to observe
8 such a day with appropriate programs and activities.

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