1	HOUSE MEMORIAL 15
2	50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	HONORING POLICE, SHERIFFS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL,
12	FIREFIGHTERS AND FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS AROUND THE STATE FOR
13	THEIR DAILY HEROISM AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO PROTECTING NEW
14	MEXICANS FROM HARM.
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16	WHEREAS, many layers of protection underlie society at all
17	times, and this safety net makes it possible for New Mexicans
18	to go about their days without fearing for their lives at every
19	turn; and
20	WHEREAS, without the selfless dedication that some
21	individuals feel for making society a safe place for all, this
22	web of safety would not exist; and
23	WHEREAS, many dedicated young men and women choose to
24	enter law enforcement, firefighting and the field of paramedics
25	every year despite the incredible dangers that come as part of
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1 the job and despite wages that are often not commensurate with 2 the risks they will face; and

WHEREAS, as responders to every sort of emergency, law enforcement officers, firefighters and firefighter paramedics never know whether their day will bring them a stranded kitten in a tree or a terrorist attack, much less whether they will end their day safe at home with their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of police departments and sheriffs' offices around the country have lost personnel in the line of duty, and President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico sets aside September 11 as a day of remembrance to honor those brave and compassionate firefighters who have also fallen in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, without the courageous men and women serving in law enforcement agencies and fire departments, the state would be a lesser place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and appreciation be extended to police, sheriffs, law enforcement personnel, firefighters and firefighter paramedics statewide for their daily heroism and dedication to protecting New Mexicans from harm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be .184402.2 - 2 -

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