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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 2, 2023 "RECOGNITION OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, March 2, 2023 is a day to honor the courage, selflessness and sacrifice of firefighting heroes throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, firefighters risk their lives every day protecting and rescuing people and animals; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are an integral element of a safe and healthy society; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's firefighters respond to more than two hundred thousand calls and fight more than ten thousand fires per year; and

WHEREAS, firefighters complete extensive training and education to perform an abundance of society-benefiting

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1 functions, including fire suppression and prevention,
2 mitigation of hazardous materials, emergency medical services
3 and rescue; and

4 WHEREAS, firefighters dedicate themselves to keeping their
5 communities safe; and

6 WHEREAS, firefighters work tirelessly to manage the
7 horrific wildfires that plague New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, firefighters are exposed to deadly hazards and
9 conditions and risk their safety for the lives of others; and

10 WHEREAS, firefighters commonly experience overexertion,
11 stress, exhaustion, dehydration, posttraumatic stress disorder
12 and other mental health and medical issues; and

13 WHEREAS, firefighters disproportionately sustain serious
14 injuries and illnesses, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer,
15 hypertension and heart attacks; and

16 WHEREAS, for the greater good, firefighters and their
17 families choose adversity, uncertainty and sacrifice; and

18 WHEREAS, while serving their community, their state and
19 their nation, firefighters fall, leaving their families behind;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, it is important to embrace the memory of those
22 who made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state's fire
23 services, to comfort family members, friends, colleagues and
24 loved ones and let them know that the service and sacrifice of
25 their fallen hero will never be forgotten;

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