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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center was attacked
9 when two hijacked commercial airplanes crashed into the Center's
10 towers; and

11 WHEREAS, Hundreds of New York City fire fighters, law enforcement
12 officers, and emergency medical service technicians responded
13 immediately with courage and conviction as they raced into the burning,
14 crumbling towers to evacuate survivors; and

15 WHEREAS, Many of these brave and selfless public servants made the
16 ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives in an attempt to rescue victims
17 as the towers abruptly collapsed; and

18 WHEREAS, The valiant acts of these individuals embody the sworn
19 duty of the men and women who choose to serve their communities as fire
20 fighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical service
21 technicians; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year the United States loses approximately 100 of the
2 1,200,000 men and women in fire service in the line of duty, including
3 the recent tragic deaths of four fire fighters in the Cascade Mountains
4 of Washington state during the ThirtyMile fire; and

5 WHEREAS, Fire service personnel and emergency medical service
6 technicians selflessly respond to over 16,000,000 emergency calls
7 annually, without reservation and with an unwavering commitment to the
8 safety of their fellow citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, The first week of October is National Fire Prevention Week
10 and the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation sponsors an official
11 National Tribute to all fire fighters who died in the line of duty
12 during the week of remembrance; and

13 WHEREAS, Our nation's law enforcement officers are formally
14 recognized for their extraordinary contributions and sacrifices with a
15 "Police Officer's Week" and National "Peace Officer Day" each year;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that an annual
17 day of national recognition for fire fighters, emergency medical
18 service technicians, and law enforcement officers who have lost their
19 lives in the line of duty be established by the Congress assembled and
20 that this day coincide with the National Fire Prevention Week in
21 October of each year.

22 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
23 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
24 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
26 Washington.

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