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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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