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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-002

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF COLORADO FIREFIGHTERS KILLED**
102 **IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

1 WHEREAS, More than 12,000 career and volunteer firefighters
2 comprise the Colorado fire service; and

3 WHEREAS, Personnel of the Colorado fire service respond to
4 more than 500,000 calls for help each year, often placing themselves
5 directly in harm's way for the safety of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Fire services personnel are often the first to respond
7 to an emergency, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of
8 hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation
9 accident; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Final Reading
April 4, 2016

SENATE
Final Reading
March 24, 2016

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 100 fire and emergency services
2 personnel die annually in the line of duty in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Most recently, the following firefighters have given
4 their lives in service to the people of Colorado:

5 ! Richard Lee Marchman, a volunteer firefighter for the
6 Indian Peaks Fire Protection District, collapsed and died
7 on July 9, 2014, after assisting in the rescue of a hiker with
8 a broken ankle;

9 ! Willard Clapper, a volunteer firefighter for the Aspen Fire
10 Protection District, died on October 16, 2014, after battling
11 lymphoma, which was determined to be line-of-duty under
12 Colorado's presumptive cancer law;

13 ! John Whelan, a firefighter for the Denver Fire Department,
14 died on July 16, 2015, from injuries sustained during
15 firefighting activities;

16 ! Craig Moilanen, a firefighter with the North Metro Fire
17 Rescue District and formerly of the Foothills Fire
18 Protection District, died on October 8, 2015, after a
19 two-year battle with cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, The Colorado Fallen Firefighters Memorial in
21 Lakewood contains the names of 145 firefighters who have fallen while
22 working to protect lives and property in Colorado; now, therefore,

23 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
24 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

25 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
26 honor and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice paid by these fallen
27 firefighters; and

28 (2) Express our sympathy to the families and friends of those
29 service members who have died.

30 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
31 to Ken Watkins, President, Colorado State Fire Chiefs; Mike Rogers,
32 President, Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Paul Cooke, Director,

1 Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Eric Tade, Fire Chief,
2 Denver Fire Department; David Ramos, Fire Chief, North Metro Fire
3 Rescue District; Norman Bowers, Fire Chief, Indian Peaks Fire Protection
4 District; Rick Balentine, Fire Chief, Aspen Fire Protection District; and
5 Brian Zoril, Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Protection District.