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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
DESIGNATING FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY EACH YEAR
ON THE FRIDAY OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

WHEREAS, firefighters are unsung heroes who are prepared to be summoned at any moment to risk their own safety to preserve lives and suppress fires; and

WHEREAS, firefighters must retain their composure in a variety of emergency situations while fulfilling requirements including connecting hoses to hydrants, operating pumps to power the hoses, climbing ladders, using tools to break through debris, entering burning buildings to extinguish a fire and rescue individuals, and providing medical attention; they wear many hats and may have their duties change a number of times while at an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, firefighters may have to remain at the scene of a disaster for days on end; and

WHEREAS, firefighters remain on call during shifts that usually last 24 hours; while at the fire station, they routinely inspect equipment and perform practice drills; and

WHEREAS, some jobs that specialized firefighters conduct include extinguishing forest fires and cleaning up hazardous materials; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2012 firefighters held about 307,000
2 jobs, and 91 percent worked for local governments; the
3 majority of the remainder worked for federal and state
4 governments while others worked at airports, chemical plants,
5 and other industrial sites; volunteer firefighters carry out
6 many of the same responsibilities as paid firefighters and
7 comprise the majority of firefighters in many areas; and

8 WHEREAS, the fire fighting occupation has one of the
9 highest rates of injuries and illnesses; and

10 WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to
11 commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871
12 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000
13 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned
14 more than 2,000 acres; and

15 WHEREAS, we are greatly indebted to the valiant and
16 hardworking paid and volunteer firefighters in the great State
17 of Alabama; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Friday of Fire Prevention
20 Week each year shall be designated in Alabama as "Firefighter
21 Appreciation Day"; all Alabamians are encouraged to celebrate
22 this day to honor and reflect on the significant roles of
23 firefighters in the United States.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 18-MAR-15.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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