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S. RES. 301

To designate October 13, 1996, as “National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SARBANES submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas children’s eyes fill with wonderment when they announce that their life’s ambition is to become a firefighter, and adults are inspired by the bravery of the men and women of the fire service;

Whereas the men and women of the fire service are advocates for preventing the great amount of injuries, death, and damage to property that fire causes in this Nation, as well as the first line of defense in preventing these problems;

Whereas career and volunteer firefighters of this Nation enrich the communities in which they live and work, and exemplify the highest standards of service, dedication, dependability, selfless determination, honor, and civic spirit;

Whereas twenty years ago, when thousands of individuals were dying as the result of fires, the men and women of the fire service helped to focus this Nation's attention on fire prevention and safety, thereby reducing by half the number of fire related deaths;

Whereas due to the commitment and support of the men and women of the fire service, this Nation continues to make fire prevention and safety a top priority;

Whereas by placing the safety and well-being of others above their own, firefighters confront grave dangers every day in order to protect this Nation from the devastation caused by fires and other emergencies;

Whereas 102 firefighters died in the line of duty in 1995 and more than 94,500 were injured;

Whereas on Sunday, October 13, 1996, at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland, this Nation will pay its respects to the firefighters who have given their lives to protect this Nation; and

Whereas the men and women of the fire service who have given their lives in order to protect this nation are truly American heroes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates October 13,
2 1996, as "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day".

3 The President is requested—

4 (1) to issue a proclamation calling on the people
5 of the United States to observe the day with appro-
6 priate ceremonies and activities; and

7 (2) to urge all Federal agencies, entities of each
8 branch of the Federal Government, and interested

1 organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the flag
2 of the United States at half-staff on October 13,
3 1996, in honor of the individuals who have died as
4 a result of their service as firefighters.

