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S. RES. 596

Designating Tuesday, October 10, 2006, as “National Firefighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 29), 2006

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating Tuesday, October 10, 2006, as “National Firefighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States.

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 firefighters in the United States;

Whereas approximately 75 percent of all firefighters in the United States are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for their heroic work;

Whereas there are more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States;

Whereas thousands of firefighters have died in the line of duty since the date that Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department in 1735;

Whereas 346 firefighters and emergency personnel died while responding to the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001;

Whereas firefighters respond to more than 20,000,000 calls during a typical year;

Whereas firefighters also provide emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, special rescue response, terrorism response, and life safety education;

Whereas, in 1922, President Harding declared the week of October 9 to be “Fire Prevention Week”; and

Whereas the second Tuesday in October is an appropriate day for the establishment of a “National Firefighter Appreciation Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates Tuesday, Octo-
2 ber 10, 2006, as “National Firefighter Appreciation Day”
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4 States.

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