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HJR___ DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 AS PUBLIC SAFETY WEEK.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States of America endured a violent terrorist attack leading to the tragic deaths and injuries of thousands of innocent United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, in response to the attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, firefighters, uniformed officers, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, military personnel, and other first responders and public servants rose to service in the heroic attempt to save the lives of people in danger; tens of thousands of first responders from across the country traveled to New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania to aid their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, of the nearly 3,000 lives lost, 415 were emergency workers, including 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and eight emergency medical technicians and paramedics; and

WHEREAS, in the years since 2001, hundreds more have passed away or suffered from long-term effects as a direct



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26 result of illnesses contracted while working in hazardous
27 conditions to rescue their fellow Americans; and

28 WHEREAS, despite the risks that come with the job,
29 first responders continue to put the needs and safety of
30 their fellow Americans before their own; first responders
31 are our neighbors, friends, and family members, serve as
32 integral parts of our communities, and sacrifice beyond the
33 hours they work in order to answer the call when a crisis
34 arises; and

35 WHEREAS, the anniversary of September 11 serves as a
36 reminder of the selflessness and bravery of first responders
37 and the public safety community at large; the State of
38 Alabama recognizes the service and sacrifice of the men and
39 women of the public safety community across the country and
40 here at home; now therefore,

41 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
42 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the week of September during
43 which September 11 falls each year is hereby recognized as
44 Public Safety Week; and that we call upon the residents of
45 this state to not only remember those who lost their lives
46 on September 11, 2001, but also to recognize, honor, and
47 support the first responders and public safety professionals
48 who courageously work every day to keep this country and
49 Alabama safe.