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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution celebrating the extraordinary service and  
3 sacrifice of Florida's first responders and  
4 recognizing September 11-17, 2017, as "9/11 First  
5 Responder Appreciation Week" in Florida.  
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7 WHEREAS, unlike people in many parts of the world, the  
8 people of this state go about their daily lives secure in the  
9 knowledge that they enjoy the protection of first responders who  
10 stand ready to come to their assistance at any time of night or  
11 day, and

12 WHEREAS, first responders include law enforcement officers,  
13 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, active  
14 duty military personnel, and members of the armed forces  
15 reserves and National Guard, and

16 WHEREAS, first responders do not hesitate to risk their own  
17 lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment  
18 to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency  
19 coordination makes these professionals invaluable in efforts to  
20 maintain peace and order, and

21 WHEREAS, while tragic events like those of 9/11, when 414  
22 first responders lost their lives attempting to save others,  
23 bring wide recognition to these noble men and women, it is  
24 incumbent on all Floridians to remember our first responders and  
25 acknowledge their service on a daily basis, and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting that we set aside a special time to  
27 join Remember Honor Support in recognizing Florida's 9/11 first  
28 responders and encourage expressions of appreciation and  
29 encouragement to, and acts of kindness and prayer for, these

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30 heroes, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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34 That the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Florida's  
35 first responders is celebrated and September 11-17, 2017, is  
36 recognized as "9/11 First Responder Appreciation Week" in  
37 Florida.