

By Senator Latvala

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Senate Resolution

A resolution celebrating the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Florida's first responders and recognizing September 11-17, 2017, as "9/11 First Responder Appreciation Week" in Florida.

WHEREAS, unlike people in many parts of the world, the people of this state go about their daily lives secure in the knowledge that they enjoy the protection of first responders who stand ready to come to their assistance at any time of night or day, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we set aside a special time to join Remember Honor Support in recognizing Florida's 9/11 first responders and encourage expressions of appreciation and 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.