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THE DIRECTOR

October 5, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 42 - Memorializing Fallen Firefighters
Sponsors - Rep. Castle (R) Delaware and 113 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

The memorial service that is the subject of this resolution is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2001.

Purpose

Requires that the American flag be lowered to half-staff on all Federal office buildings each year in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
General Services Administration
Department of Justice

Approval (Informally)
No objection (Informally)
No comment (Informally)

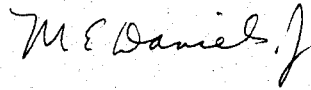
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One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and one

Joint Resolution

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Whereas 1,200,000 men and women comprise the American fire and emergency services;

Whereas the fire and emergency services is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States;

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Whereas approximately one-third of all active fire and emergency personnel suffer debilitating injuries annually; and

Whereas approximately 100 fire and emergency services personnel die annually in the line of duty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each year, the American flags on all Federal office buildings will be lowered to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Robert D. Byrd

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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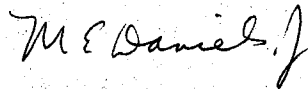
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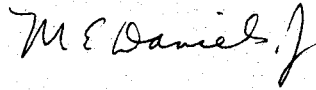
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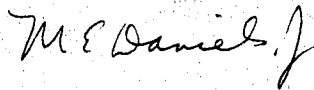
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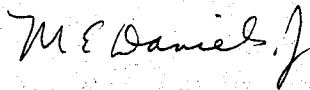
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107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 42

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 3, 2001

Received

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Passed the House of Representatives October 2,
 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.