

Sponsor Statement for HCR 20 Emergency Service Provider Day

*Relating to declaring September 11, 2002, as Emergency Service Providers
and Armed Forces Appreciation Day.*

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Alaskans and Americans everywhere will long remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001 in New York City, western Pennsylvania and our nation's Capital. The heroic acts performed by emergency services providers and the military will never be forgotten. In the wake of the disaster, hundreds of firefighters, paramedics, police officers, members of the National Guard, armed forces, and other emergency response personnel, including many from Alaska, participated selflessly in the rescue and cleanup efforts.

HCR 20 asks the governor to declare September 11, 2002 as Emergency Services Providers and Armed Forces Appreciation Day in Alaska. This will allow Alaskans, on that day, to pay honor and respect to the state's fire fighters, paramedics, police officers, National Guard and armed forces personnel who responded to the World Trade Center tragedy, and who stand by ready to serve every day.

These acts of courage, sacrifice and dedication to our society and way of life deserve our respect and appreciation. I urge you to join me in supporting this resolution.