GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1820

Short Title: Firefighters' Memorial Week.

Sponsors: Representatives Clary, Gillespie; Hurley, Walend, Capps, Cox, Davis, Morris, and Wright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 30, 2000

- A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
- 2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WEEK TO MEMORIALIZE FIREFIGHTERS KILLED
- 3 IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE 4 CONSTRUCTION OF A FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL.

Whereas, each day, brave men and women firefighters sacrifice their lives to protect the citizens and property of this State from fire; and

Whereas, most of North Carolina's firefighters are volunteers; and

Whereas, volunteer firefighters save the State of North Carolina millions of dollars annually; and

Whereas, from time to time, firefighters loose their lives protecting others; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina wishes to establish a week to recognize and honor all firefighters killed in the line of duty; Now, therefore,

- 5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
- 6 Section 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new 7 section to read:
- 8 "<u>§ 103-11. Firefighters' Memorial Week.</u>
- 9 The first week of May of each year is designated as Firefighters' Memorial Week in
- 10 <u>North Carolina.</u>"

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1 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina 2 Firefighters Foundation Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two thousand five 3 hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to be used to help pay for the 4 construction of a memorial to honor fallen firefighters.

5 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.