

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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RESOLUTION NO. 23

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Memorializing Fallen Firefighters**

3 FOR the purpose of memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag
4 and the Maryland State flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen
5 Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

6 WHEREAS, 1,200,000 men and women comprise the American fire and
7 emergency services; and

8 WHEREAS, The fire and emergency services is considered one of the most
9 dangerous jobs in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Fire and emergency services personnel respond to over 16 million
11 emergency calls annually, without reservation and with little regard for their
12 personal safety; and

13 WHEREAS, Fire and emergency services personnel are the first to respond to
14 an emergency, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous
15 materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident; and

16 WHEREAS, Approximately one-third of all active fire and emergency personnel
17 suffer debilitating injuries annually; and

18 WHEREAS, Approximately 100 fire and emergency services personnel die
19 annually in the line of duty; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That each year,
21 the American flags and the Maryland State flags on all State office buildings shall be

1 lowered to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in
2 Emmitsburg, Maryland; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
5 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
6 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.