GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 2001

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HOUSE BILL 1250

Short Title:	Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Goodwin, Dedmon (Primary Sponsors); Morris, Wainwright, and Barefoot.	
Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.	

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY.

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

Whereas, numerous firefighters from across the State have fallen in the line of duty, including Paul Bennett who died on June 16, 1989, during the heroic performance of his duties for the Ellerbe Volunteer Fire Department; and

Whereas, in 1979, seven firefighters were killed battling a fire in the City of Shelby, the largest number of firefighters killed in the line of duty in North Carolina's history; and

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 103-11. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day.**

The twenty-fifth day of May of each year is designated as Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.