1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act designating September 11 of each year as

3   "Florida Rescue Workers' Day"; creating section

4   683.26, F.S.; providing an effective date.

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6   WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,

7 resulted in an unprecedented loss of innocent civilian life on

8 American soil, and

9   WHEREAS, public safety officers immediately responded

10 at the locations of the attacks, in New York City, Washington,

11 D.C., and Pennsylvania, and were responsible for saving many

12 lives, and

13   WHEREAS, the selfless dedication of many of these

14 rescue workers led to the tragic loss of their lives, and

15   WHEREAS, 343 New York City Firefighters, 23 New York

16 City Police Officers, and 37 Port Authority of New York and

17 New Jersey Officers either died or are still missing, and

18   WHEREAS, 24 Urban Search and Rescue Teams from across

19 the United States, including 72 members of Florida's Search

20 and Rescue Teams, quickly reported to the affected areas to

21 support local rescue and clean-up efforts and to help replace

22 the rescue workers who had fallen in the line of duty, and

23   WHEREAS, the efforts of these individuals, and their

24 immediate response at the affected areas, led to the loss of

25 still more rescue workers' lives in the service of their

26 fellow Americans, NOW, THEREFORE,

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28 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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30   Section 1. Section 683.26, Florida Statutes, is

31 created to read:

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 1   683.26 Florida Rescue Workers' Day.--September 11 of

 2   each year is designated as "Florida Rescue Workers' Day," in

 3   recognition of the sacrifices made by Florida rescue workers

 4   in the face of unthinkable tragedy.

 5   Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a

 6   law.

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