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COMMITTEE JOINT RESOLUTION

101 CONCERNING THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT  
102 FIREFIGHTING CREW, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,  
103 HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE 19 MEMBERS OF  
104 THE CREW WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON JUNE 30, 2013, WHILE  
105 BATTLING THE YARNELL HILL FIRE IN ARIZONA.

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1 WHEREAS, The Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew, of  
2 the Prescott, Arizona Fire Department (Granite Mountain Hotshots), was  
3 founded as a fuels mitigation crew in 2002, and became the first  
4 municipal hotshot crew in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Hotshot crews are intensively trained wildland  
6 firefighters that are placed in the most rugged terrain on the most active

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1 and difficult areas of wildfires; and

2 WHEREAS, The Granite Mountain Hotshots are an elite ground  
3 firefighting crew, which hailed from diverse backgrounds and worked  
4 long hours in extreme environmental conditions while performing  
5 physically demanding fireline tasks; and

6 WHEREAS, When large wildfires occur in Colorado and  
7 elsewhere, firefighters come from near and far to render assistance. Such  
8 was the case with the Granite Mountain Hotshots, who, since becoming  
9 qualified as an Interagency Hotshot Crew in 2008, assisted on the  
10 following fires in Colorado:

- 11 ● The Coal Creek Fire in the BLM White River District from  
12 September 2nd through September 4th, 2011;
- 13 ● The Hay Fire in the BLM White River District from  
14 September 4th through September 5th, 2011;
- 15 ● The Karren Place Fire in the BLM White River District  
16 from September 5th through September 11th, 2011;
- 17 ● The Reservoir Road Fire in Larimer County from  
18 September 13 through September 19, 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, Colorado owes a debt of gratitude to the Granite  
20 Mountain Hotshots for their service to the State; and

21 WHEREAS, On June 30, 2013, 19 members of the Granite  
22 Mountain Hotshots gave their lives battling the Yarnell Hill Fire in  
23 Yavapai County, Arizona; and

24 WHEREAS, The loss of these 19 firefighters makes the Yarnell  
25 Hill Fire the worst wildland firefighter fatality incident in the United  
26 States in 80 years; and

27 WHEREAS, The 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots  
28 who lost their lives are:

- 29 ● Eric Marsh, who was 43 years old and a native of Ashe  
30 County, North Carolina, served as the crew's  
31 superintendent;
- 32 ● Jesse Steed, who was 36 years old and a native of  
33 Cottonwood, Arizona, served as the crew's captain;
- 34 ● Clayton Whitted, who was 28 years old, was a native of

- 1 Prescott, Arizona;
- 2 ● Robert Caldwell, who was 23 years old, was a native of
- 3 Prescott, Arizona, and was the cousin of Grant McKee,
- 4 who also perished battling the Yarnell Hill Fire;
- 5 ● Travis Carter, who was 31 years old, was a native of
- 6 Prescott, Arizona;
- 7 ● Christopher MacKenzie, who was 30 years old, was a
- 8 native of Hemet, California;
- 9 ● Travis Turbyfill, who was 27 years old, was a native of
- 10 Prescott, Arizona;
- 11 ● Andrew Ashcraft, who was 29 years old, was a native of
- 12 Prescott, Arizona;
- 13 ● Joe Thurston, who was 32 years old, was a native of Cedar
- 14 City, Utah;
- 15 ● Wade Parker, who was 22 years old, was a native of Chino
- 16 Valley, Arizona;
- 17 ● Anthony Rose, who was 23 years old, was a native of Zion,
- 18 Illinois;
- 19 ● Garret Zuppiger, who was 27 years old, was a native of
- 20 Phoenix, Arizona;
- 21 ● Scott Norris, who was 28 years old, was a native of
- 22 Prescott, Arizona;
- 23 ● Dustin DeFord, who was 24 years old, was born in
- 24 Baltimore, Maryland and raised in Ekalaka, Montana;
- 25 ● William "Billy" Warneke, who was 25 years old, was a
- 26 native of Hemet, California;
- 27 ● Kevin Woyjeck, who was 21 years old, was a native of Seal
- 28 Beach, California;
- 29 ● John Percin, Jr., who was 24 years old, was a native of
- 30 West Linn, Oregon;
- 31 ● Grant McKee, who was 21 years old, was a native of
- 32 Newport Beach, California, and was the cousin of Robert
- 33 Caldwell, who also perished battling the Yarnell Hill Fire;
- 34 and
- 35 ● Sean Misner, who was 26 years old, was a native of Goleta,
- 36 California; now, therefore,

37 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*

38 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

39 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

1           (1) Commend the bravery and sacrifice made by the fallen heroes  
2 of the Prescott Fire Department's Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot  
3 Crew;

4           (2) Extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the surviving  
5 families of these 19 firefighters lost in the line of duty; and

6           (3) Express our appreciation for the service of the Granite  
7 Mountain Hotshots to the state of Colorado.

8           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
9 to the Prescott, Arizona Fire Chief; Michael Morgan, President of  
10 Colorado State Fire Chiefs; and Paul Cooke, Director of the Division of  
11 Fire Prevention and Control in the Department of Public Safety.