

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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1 A House Resolution honoring the Keokuk firefighters who  
2 died in the line of duty.

3 WHEREAS, assistant fire chief Dave McNally, age 48  
4 and a 25-year department veteran, firefighter Jason  
5 Bitting, age 29 and a department member for six and  
6 one-half years, and firefighter Nate Tuck, age 39 and  
7 a department member for four and one-half years,  
8 attempted to save three children from a burning Keokuk  
9 apartment building on December 22, 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, the firefighters, in their selfless effort  
11 to save 7-year-old Jessica McFarland and 1-year-old  
12 twins Robert and Rebecca Cooper, died in the blaze  
13 along with the children; and

14 WHEREAS, this tragedy serves as a reminder of the  
15 ultimate risk that all firefighters face while  
16 protecting their communities against the rages of fire  
17 and other perils; NOW THEREFORE,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
19 That Keokuk firefighters Dave McNally, Jason Bitting,  
20 and Nate Tuck, be honored posthumously and remembered  
21 by the citizens of the State of Iowa for their  
22 remarkable courage, heroism, and self-sacrifice in the  
23 line of duty.  
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