H. CON. RES. 237

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry techni-
cian for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort
Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to
the United States and for his essential service in
fighting wildfires and protecting the environment
and communities of Arizona.

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Whereas Rick Lupe served as lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency and was a long-time firefighter whose legendary intellect and skills made him a hero in 2002 when he saved the town of Show Low, Arizona, from the Rodeo-Chediski fire;

Whereas Rick Lupe and his crew of firefighters dug the fire line at Hop Canyon and created a back burn that stopped the fire from crossing U.S. 60;

Whereas Rick Lupe died on Thursday, June 19, 2003, as a result of severe burns sustained in a prescribed fire conducted in May;

Whereas throughout his career, Rick Lupe was a strong advocate of the prescribed burn program and supported and knew the value of fuels treatment programs;

Whereas Rick Lupe was extremely dedicated to his work and performed his job at the highest level;

Whereas friends and colleague describe Rick Lupe as ". . . a shining example of a firefighter . . . super safety-conscious, and his family is his love and pride"; and

Whereas Rick Lupe is survived by his wife of 21 years, Evelyn, and their three sons, Sean, 19, who is studying forestry at Northern Arizona University, Daniel, 16, who is in high school, and Brent, 9, who is in grade school: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*

2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes and honors the late

3 Rick Lupe for his dedication and service to the United

4 States, for his long and essential service in fighting

1 wildfires and caring for the environment, and for ulti-

2 mately sacrificing his life for the people of Arizona.

Passed the House of Representatives November 4, 2003.

Attest:

Clerk.