Thursday, August 2, 2012

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico's Third District spoke on the House floor today to honor the life of Jon Tibbetts, Fire Chief of the Sandoval County Fire Department.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jon Tibbetts who died last week in a car accident. This tragic accident cut short the life of man who had devoted his career to helping others as a first responder. Jon Tibbetts served as Fire Chief of the Sandoval County Fire Department for the past eight years. Earlier in his career, he was a paramedic in San Juan County.

"I had the pleasure of working with Chief Tibbetts during my time on the Public Regulatory Commission. I saw firsthand his commitment to the firefighters he commanded as well as to the people of New Mexico that he helped protect.

"Thanks to his hard work and determination, Chief Tibbetts improved the way that emergency medical services and firefighters responded to better serve the community. Because of his dedication, there is no doubt that more people in New Mexico are safer.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the Tibbetts family during this difficult time, especially his wife Connie and his daughters Natasha and Amy. We will miss you Chief Tibbetts."

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