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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# SPEAKER TOBIN APPOINTS FINAL MEMBER TO YARNELL MEMORIAL BOARD

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Aug. 26, 2014) – Speaker of the House Andy Tobin appoints Brendan McDonough, the surviving member of the Granite Mountain Hotshots crew, to serve on the Yarnell Memorial Site Board.

"I am elated that Mr. McDonough agreed to accept the appointment," said Speaker Andy Tobin. "It is so important that we memorialize the spirit and valor of these firefighters for their families, their communities and our state."

McDonough marks the seventh and final appointment to the Board by Speaker Tobin. Last June the Speaker made the first six appointments:

- 1. Former Prescott Fire Chief Dan Fraijo
- 2. Hotshot Commander's widow Amanda Marsh
- 3. Yarnell Fire District Chief Ben Palm
- 4. Yarnell Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Tidey
- 5. Prescott Fire Department Wildland Division Chief Darrell Williams
- 6. Arizona House Representative Karen Fann, as a non-voting advisory member

House Bill 2624 established the board to oversee the creation of a memorial site for the 19 wildland firefighters that perished one year ago June 30 battling the Yarnell Hill fire.

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