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Expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued in recognition of the services rendered by this Nation's volunteer firefighters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas volunteer firefighters, a brotherhood of patriotic Americans dedicated to saving our communities from the ravages of fire, place the public health and welfare, and the security of our homes, schools, and places of worship ahead of their own personal safety;

Whereas 1998 marks the 350th anniversary of the first volunteer fire department in the United States;

Whereas there are over 800,000 volunteer firefighters serving in the United States;

Whereas 87 percent of our Nation's fire service is conducted by volunteers;

Whereas there are over 24,000 fire departments in the United States that are staffed in whole or in part by volunteers; and

Whereas these professionally trained men and women have dedicated thousands of hours of their personal time to advanced training toward the end of safeguarding the lives and property of others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
3 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States
4 Postal Service should recommend to the Postmaster Gen-
5 eral that a postage stamp be issued to commemorate the
6 350th anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Service.

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