

H. Res. 695

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

December 11, 2007.

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 fire fighters in the United States;

Whereas approximately 75 percent of all fire fighters in the United States are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for their heroic work;

Whereas there are more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States;

Whereas thousands of fire fighters have died in the line of duty since the date that Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department in 1735;

Whereas 346 fire fighters and emergency personnel died while responding to the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001;

Whereas fire fighters respond to more than 20,000,000 calls during a typical year;

Whereas fire fighters also provide emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, special rescue response, terrorism response, and life safety education;

Whereas, in 1922, President Harding first declared a Fire Prevention Week, and it is appropriate to continue this

tradition by supporting the designation of a National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.