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H. RES. 695

Expressing the support for designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

Mr. CAMPBELL of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the support for designation of a “National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day” to honor and celebrate the fire fighters of the United States.

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 declared the week of October 9 to be Fire Prevention Week; and

Whereas the second Tuesday in October is an appropriate day for the establishment of a National Fire Fighter Appreciation Day: Now, therefore, be it

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

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