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Supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, which begins on October 3, 2010, and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week, which begins on October 3, 2010, and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of the United States.

Whereas Fire Prevention Week is a time for the public to learn lifesaving fire safety information, practice emergency escape plans, and check and replace smoke alarm batteries;

Whereas smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half;

Whereas, each year, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires in the United States;

Whereas, in 2009, 82 firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty;

Whereas more than 50 firefighters have already lost their lives in 2010;

Whereas 1 home structure fire is reported every 82 seconds and 1 civilian fire death occurs every 2 hours and 38 minutes;

Whereas firefighters in the United States courageously respond to calls and risk their lives to protect families and communities from fire, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism;

Whereas firefighters provide emergency medical services, special rescue response, hazardous material response, wild-fire suppression, and fire education;

Whereas Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record, and, since 1922, firefighters have been honored for their role in educating and protecting the public during Fire Prevention Week;

Whereas the National Fire Protection Association has designated the week beginning on October 3, 2010 as “Fire Prevention Week”; and

Whereas the people of the United States can do their part to protect themselves, their families, and firefighters by checking their smoke alarms regularly: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate supports—

2 (1) the goals and the ideals of Fire Prevention

3 Week, which begins on October 3, 2010, as des-

1 ignated by the National Fire Protection Association;

2 and

3 (2) the work of firefighters in educating and

4 protecting the communities of the United States.

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