

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Referred to Committee on	
Date _____	20 _____
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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring firefighters throughout this
2 Commonwealth for their bravery, dedication and heroism and
3 designating May 4, 2013, as "Firefighters' Day" in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, In 1736, Benjamin Franklin founded the first
6 volunteer fire company, Union Fire Company, in Philadelphia,
7 making Pennsylvania the birthplace of the volunteer fire service
8 in North America; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has approximately 2,400 fire companies,
10 which amounts to the largest number of fire departments
11 nationally. The Commonwealth serves as a national leader in the
12 number of career and paid personnel providing emergency
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, volunteers staff 95% of all
15 fire companies. More than 70,000 volunteers, the largest number
16 of volunteer firefighters in the nation, serve on fire companies
17 within this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, On average, ten Pennsylvania firefighters die in the

1 firefighters in their efforts to guarantee safety within their
2 communities. It serves as a time to thank current and past
3 firefighters for their contributions and to remember those men
4 and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to save and
5 protect lives in their neighborhoods; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
7 honor the bravery and sacrifice of firefighters in this
8 Commonwealth, extend thanks for their service and, on the
9 occasion of International Firefighters' Day, designate May 4,
10 2013, as "International Firefighters' Day" in Pennsylvania; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all Members
13 of the General Assembly and elected officials and residents
14 across this Commonwealth to make efforts to honor and remember
15 firefighters in Pennsylvania for their dedication, service and
16 sacrifice, including the giving of their lives, in order to
17 protect the lives and property of the citizens of this
18 Commonwealth. Such efforts may include wearing and displaying
19 blue and red ribbons pinned together, participating in a
20 memorial or recognition event, rising together in a public
21 meeting or gathering in honor of the sacrifices of firefighters
22 or by at least pausing for a minute at noon on the first Sunday
23 in May as a sign of gratitude for their service.