

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring fire police officers for their dedication in helping to
2 preserve the safety and well-being of the residents of this
3 Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are dedicated volunteers
5 trained to provide assistance during emergencies and risk their
6 lives serving the residents of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Fire police officers first started providing
8 assistance to their communities in the late 1800s; and

9 WHEREAS, An individual registering as a fire police officer
10 must abide by an oath of office and be sworn in by a judge or
11 justice; and

12 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are certified in fire police
13 operations by the Commonwealth or the county in which they
14 volunteer; and

15 WHEREAS, The most important duty of a fire police officer is
16 to protect the emergency responders, victims, general public,
17 victims' property and the emergency response equipment; and

18 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are expected to regulate

1 traffic, offer detour routes, provide safe landing zones for
2 helicopters and ensure that emergency areas are clear for
3 firefighting; and

4 WHEREAS, The duties of fire police officers extend to
5 ensuring a safe entry and exit of emergency vehicles at an
6 emergency scene and assisting emergency responders in evacuating
7 individuals who may be in danger; and

8 WHEREAS, Fire police officers provide assistance to fire
9 marshals by identifying possible arson suspects or containing
10 crime scenes; and

11 WHEREAS, Fire police officers are authorized to enforce
12 Federal and State laws and arrest individuals violating those
13 laws, including, but not limited to, provisions pertaining to
14 fire department activities, firefighting techniques and
15 emergency vehicle operations; and

16 WHEREAS, The duties of fire police officers extend to
17 controlling crowds and assisting State or local law enforcement
18 officers at local events; and

19 WHEREAS, Fire police officers often serve as public relations
20 representatives for fire departments by sharing pertinent
21 information with the public and assuring individuals of the
22 firefighters' knowledge and ability to carry out their duties;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Fire police officers serve with bravery, honor and
25 compassion while offering comfort, solace and protection to
26 victims and their family members; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor fire police
28 officers for their dedication in helping to preserve the safety
29 and well-being of the residents of this Commonwealth.