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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 658 Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
MARCH 24, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to recognize the  
2 dedication and sacrifice of firefighters by establishing a  
3 National Firefighters' Day.

4 WHEREAS, In 2006 there were an estimated 524,000 structure  
5 fires in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,245 civilians and 106 firefighters  
7 were killed in fires in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, Fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters  
9 combined; and

10 WHEREAS, Firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and  
11 often without recognition, risking their lives daily to protect  
12 the lives and property of the citizens of this nation; and

1       WHEREAS, Changes in society and in the environment have  
2 increased the dangers these individuals face daily in the  
3 performance of their duties as protectors of the citizens and  
4 property of this nation; and

5       WHEREAS, The increased threat of terrorism, illicit drug labs  
6 and hazardous material incidents have placed firefighters in  
7 greater danger than ever before; and

8       WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the  
9 heightened awareness of future threats have only increased the  
10 role of firefighters as first responders; and

11       WHEREAS, The time that firefighters devote to protecting the  
12 lives and property of citizens of this nation represents time  
13 taken away from family members; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the Congress of the  
16 United States to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of  
17 firefighters by establishing a National Firefighters' Day; and  
18 be it further

19       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
20 the President of the United States and to presiding officers of  
21 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
22 Pennsylvania.