

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 112 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, BAKER, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOBACK, BRENNAN, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARRIS, HELM, KILLION, KOTIK, KULA, MAHONEY, MANN, MARSHALL, McCALL, MCGEEHAN, MCILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MUNDY, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROHRER, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STABACK, STURLA, SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON AND WHITE, MARCH 4, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 4, 2009

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 2007 there were an estimated 530,000 structure
5 fires in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 3,430 civilians and 118 firefighters
7 were killed in fires in 2007; 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

13 WHEREAS, Changes in society and in the environment have
14 increased the dangers these individuals face daily in the

1 performance of their duties as protectors of the citizens and
2 property of this nation; and

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

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

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

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

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