

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the  
 2 International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and  
 3 honoring the IAFF and its membership on this momentous and  
 4 important occasion.

5 WHEREAS, The International Association of Fire Fighters  
 6 (IAFF) was officially formed at precisely 2:00 p.m. Eastern  
 7 Standard Time on February 28, 1918, to unite firefighters for  
 8 better wages, improved safety and greater service to their  
 9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, One hundred years ago, 36 delegates from the  
 11 original 24 local unions came together to form the IAFF, at a  
 12 time when firefighters worked seven days a week and had few  
 13 benefits and when safety meant putting a wet towel over your  
 14 face before running into flames; and

15 WHEREAS, The IAFF became the voice of the firefighter and the  
 16 protector of the protector; and

1       WHEREAS, Pittsburgh firefighters organized in 1903 under the  
2 affiliation of the American Federation of Labor Local 11431 and  
3 would become the very first local under IAFF, Local 1, when the  
4 IAFF was officially formed in 1918; and

5       WHEREAS, Since Pittsburgh, the IAFF has grown to represent  
6 firefighters in Philadelphia, Scranton, Lancaster, Allentown,  
7 Reading, Johnstown, Altoona, Dunmore, Harrisburg, Bethlehem,  
8 Hazelton, Aliquippa, Chester, Lebanon and countless departments  
9 throughout this Commonwealth; and

10       WHEREAS, With headquarters in Washington, DC, and Ottawa,  
11 Ontario, Canada, the IAFF proudly represents more than 310,000  
12 full-time professional firefighters and paramedics in more than  
13 3,200 affiliates who are part of a coveted profession that  
14 requires extensive skill, training and dedication and who  
15 protect more than 85% of the population in communities  
16 throughout the United States and Canada; and

17       WHEREAS, The IAFF and its members help to make a positive  
18 impact on firefighters' jobs, livelihoods, health and retirement  
19 security and ensure that this noble profession continues to be  
20 as safe as it can be; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
22 100th anniversary of the creation and formation of the  
23 International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and honor the  
24 IAFF and its membership on this momentous and important  
25 occasion.