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Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation.

Whereas in 1736 Benjamin Franklin founded the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer fire company;

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 firefighters in the United States;

Whereas approximately 75 percent of all firefighters are volunteers who receive little or no compensation for their heroic work;

Whereas career and combination fire departments protect 3 out of 4 Americans;

Whereas there are more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States;

Whereas approximately 100 firefighters die in the line of duty each year;

Whereas Congress recognizes that Christopher Nicholas Kangas was a heroic firefighter;

Whereas more than 340 firefighters died responding to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001;

Whereas firefighters respond to more than 24,000,000 calls during an average year;

Whereas firefighters also provide emergency medical services and life safety education; and

Whereas it is estimated that on April 7, 2005, more than 2,000 firefighters will attend the 17th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
2 and recognizes the more than 1,100,000 firefighters in the
3 United States for their contributions to and sacrifice for
4 the Nation.

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