



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-002

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF COLORADO  
FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

WHEREAS, More than 12,000 career and volunteer firefighters comprise the Colorado fire service; and

WHEREAS, Personnel of the Colorado fire service respond to more than 500,000 calls for help each year, often placing themselves directly in harm's way for the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Fire services personnel are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 100 fire and emergency services personnel die annually in the line of duty in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, the following firefighters have given their lives in service to the people of Colorado:

- Richard Lee Marchman, a volunteer firefighter for the Indian Peaks Fire Protection District, collapsed and died on July 9, 2014, after assisting in the rescue of a hiker with a broken ankle;
- Willard Clapper, a volunteer firefighter for the Aspen Fire Protection District, died on October 16, 2014, after battling lymphoma, which was determined to be line-of-duty under Colorado's presumptive cancer law;
- John Whelan, a firefighter for the Denver Fire Department, died on July 16, 2015, from injuries sustained during firefighting activities;
- Craig Moilanen, a firefighter with the North Metro Fire Rescue District and formerly of the Foothills Fire Protection District, died on October 8, 2015, after a two-year battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Lakewood contains the names of 145 firefighters who have fallen while working to protect lives and property in Colorado; now, therefore,


*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifice paid by these fallen firefighters; and


(2) Express our sympathy to the families and friends of those service members who have died.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Ken Watkins, President, Colorado State Fire Chiefs; Mike Rogers, President, Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Paul Cooke, Director, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Eric Tade, Fire Chief, Denver Fire Department; David Ramos, Fire Chief, North Metro Fire

Rescue District; Norman Bowers, Fire Chief, Indian Peaks Fire Protection District; Rick Balentine, Fire Chief, Aspen Fire Protection District; and Brian Zoril, Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Protection District.



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