

A RESOLUTION urging the Transportation Cabinet to develop a Fallen Firefighter Memorial trust fund special license plate.

WHEREAS, firefighters faithfully serve the people of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters with the Division of Forestry fight wildfires and enforce forest fire hazard seasons to protect the people of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, when disaster strikes, firefighters are the first responders; and

WHEREAS, over 100 firefighters are killed in the line of duty every year in our nation; and

WHEREAS, 69 firefighters have been killed in the line of duty in Kentucky since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the people of this Commonwealth owe a debt of gratitude to firefighters for serving its citizens every day in the face of danger; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial, which was erected on October 11, 1999, is a tangible tribute to those individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, rising over 19 feet in the air, a stainless steel multifaceted Maltese cross, the national symbol of firefighters, is one of the focal points of the memorial, which is supported by a massive polished black granite obelisk; and

WHEREAS, two polished black granite wings, both left and right of the pedestal, have been designated for the names of fallen firefighters to be permanently engraved, and at present there are more than 200 names engraved on it; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to further honor the services of firefighters by establishing a fallen firefighter memorial trust fund special license plate;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby urged to design a Fallen

Firefighter Memorial trust fund special license plate in consultation with the Kentucky Firefighters Association, the Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, and the Kentucky Fire Commission that features a design that commemorates and honors firefighters who died in the line of duty, with a portion of the fees collected for the plate used to promote the Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial fund.