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Designating November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters Day".

Whereas there are over 2,000,000 professional and volunteer firefighters in the United States;

Whereas firefighters responded to over 2,300,000 fires and 8,700,000 emergencies other than fires in 1984;

Whereas fires annually cause approximately 6,000 deaths and \$10,000,000,000 worth of property damage;

Whereas firefighters have given their lives and risked injury to preserve the lives of others and to protect our Nation's property;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of our valiant firefighters often go unreported and are inadequately recognized by the public; and

Whereas the work of firefighters deserves the attention and gratitude of all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 12, 1988, is designated as "National Firefighters Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 10, 1988.

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