

**Second Regular Session  
Seventieth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION A**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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101      **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF COLORADO FIREFIGHTERS KILLED**  
102                      **IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

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

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

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

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

12                     WHEREAS, Most recently, the following firefighters have given

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 their lives in service to the people of Colorado:

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

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

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

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

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

27 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
28 to Ken Watkins, President, Colorado State Fire Chiefs; Mike Rogers,  
29 President, Colorado Professional Fire Fighters; Paul Cooke, Director,  
30 Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; Eric Tade, Fire Chief,  
31 Denver Fire Department; David Ramos, Fire Chief, North Metro Fire  
32 Rescue District; Norman Bowers, Fire Chief, Indian Peaks Fire Protection  
33 District; Rick Balentine, Fire Chief, Aspen Fire Protection District; and  
34 Brian Zoril, Fire Chief, Foothills Fire Protection District.