

Public Law 103-187  
103d Congress

## Joint Resolution

Designating December 15, 1993, as "National Firefighters Day".

Dec. 14, 1993  
[H.J. Res. 272]

Whereas there are over 2,000,000 firefighters in the United States; Whereas firefighters respond to more than 2,300,000 fires and 8,700,000 emergencies other than fires each year;

Whereas fires annually cause nearly 6,000 deaths and \$10,000,000,000 in property damages;

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

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of 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 individuals in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That December 15, 1993, is designated as "National Firefighters Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved December 14, 1993.

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