

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

MEASURE: HJR 25 A
CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 7 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum |
| Nays: | - |
| Exc.: | - |
| Prepared By: | Jim Stembridge, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 5/14 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares January 27th of each year to be Fire Service Member Appreciation Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for January 27 date
- Merits of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes name of recognition day to Fire Service Member Appreciation Day. Changes term "firefighters" to "fire service members". Changes date from September 11th to January 27th.

BACKGROUND: During the events of September 11th, 2001, 346 firefighters, 343 active and three retired, lost their lives while seeking to save those imperiled in the World Trade Center complex in New York City. Their sacrifice was a particularly visible example of the heroism that is displayed daily throughout Oregon and the United States by men and women who dedicate themselves to the protection of life and property at great risk to their own well-being.

After a grievous fire in 1676, the town of Boston in the Massachusetts Colony decided to invest in a new hand-operated water pump imported from London. The device was a simple wooden box with handles that could be carried to fires. Filled with water by bucket brigade and then pumped, it shot a stream of water out a flexible hose. To operate the "hand tub fire engine," Boston named 12 men, who would be paid for responding to fires and using the new machine. With this resolution, passed January 27, 1678, Boston became the first town in the nation to have paid firefighters.

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