

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Avakian, Ferrioli, Kruse, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Brown
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Commending fire service members of Oregon and declaring January 27 of each year Fire Service Appreciation Day.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Inclusiveness of the term “fire service member”
- Public safety service provided by fire service members
- Origin of the January 27<sup>th</sup> date rather than September 11<sup>th</sup>

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** During the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, 346 firefighters lost their lives while saving 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.

HJR 25A declares January 27<sup>th</sup> to be Firefighter Appreciation Day, commemorating the firefighters of Oregon and their efforts to keep fellow Oregonians safe from the ravages of fire. January 27<sup>th</sup> is the date when fire service was first established in the United States, in Boston, 1676.