

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Government Accountability and Information Technology

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Beyer, Girod, Thatcher, Riley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Edwards C.
Prepared By:	Patrick Brennan, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/27; 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares September 11th of each year to be Firefighter Appreciation Day.**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of firefighters and fire service members to the state
- Dangerous nature of firefighting
- Relevance of dates of September 11th and January 27th

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.

House Joint Resolution 25 declares September 11th to be Firefighter Appreciation Day, commemorating the firefighters of Oregon and their efforts to keep fellow Oregonians safe from the ravages of fire.