

House Concurrent Resolution 21

Sponsored by Representatives DOHERTY, NOBLE; Representatives BARKER, GREENLICK, HELM, MCLAIN, NERON, POST, PRUSAK, SCHOUTEN, SOLLMAN, WITT, Senators BOQUIST, BURDICK, JOHNSON, RILEY, STEINER HAYWARD, THATCHER, WAGNER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes and honors Chief Michael Duyck for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and State of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Chief Michael Duyck is a native Oregonian who was raised in the fire service as the
3 son of a fire chief in Washington County; and

4 Whereas Chief Duyck began his firefighting career in 1986 as a volunteer at Washington County
5 Fire District 2; and

6 Whereas in 1988, Chief Duyck became a professional firefighter with the Lake Oswego Fire
7 Department; and

8 Whereas Chief Duyck joined Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) in 1995, marking the be-
9 ginning of a remarkable career at TVF&R that has lasted nearly 25 years; and

10 Whereas Chief Duyck was promoted through all operational ranks and served in numerous
11 leadership roles at TVF&R, culminating in his appointment as chief in 2010; and

12 Whereas TVF&R is the largest fire district in Oregon, with 26 fire stations and more than 600
13 employees who provide fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to more than 500,000
14 residents in 11 cities and portions of four counties; and

15 Whereas Chief Duyck has been involved in local, state and national initiatives addressing fire
16 protection and EMS innovation and technology, data-driven deployment and resource management,
17 government efficiency, economic development, public safety services integration and emergency
18 communications dispatch and interoperability; and

19 Whereas under Chief Duyck's leadership, TVF&R became one of the first fire agencies in the
20 nation to deploy nontraditional, single-paramedic rapid response cars on noncritical calls for service,
21 allowing fire engines and larger trucks to remain available to contend with emergencies of greater
22 severity; and

23 Whereas Chief Duyck led the fire service-based coalition that promoted legislation to establish
24 ground emergency medical transportation supplemental reimbursement programs in Oregon to offset
25 the financial burden of EMS agencies, and ultimately the burden of local taxpayers, for covering the
26 uncompensated costs of providing care to Medicaid beneficiaries; and

27 Whereas under Chief Duyck's leadership, TVF&R implemented Oregon's first PulsePoint mobile
28 application as a means to dispatch CPR-trained citizen rescuers to the scenes of public cardiac ar-
29 rests; and

30 Whereas Chief Duyck has led many other initiatives targeted at increasing cardiac arrest sur-

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1 vival rates in the TVF&R service area and across the state, including legislation that mandated CPR
2 training in schools, partnerships with hospitals and other EMS agencies and training to ensure that
3 firefighter medics were on the cutting edge of medical practice; and

4 Whereas Chief Duyck served as chair of the State Interoperability Executive Council, working
5 to improve coordination of interoperable, interagency emergency communications between local,
6 state and tribal public safety responders; and

7 Whereas Chief Duyck spearheaded the effort to implement FirstNet across the state, the nation's
8 first dedicated broadband network that provides expanded capabilities and priority to public safety
9 users in support of robust, mission-critical information exchange during escalating emergencies and
10 disasters; and

11 Whereas Chief Duyck served as president of the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and has had
12 key leadership roles with many other entities, including the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, Inter-
13 national Association of Fire Chiefs and Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association; and

14 Whereas Chief Duyck is widely respected for the professionalism, dedication and integrity with
15 which he performs his job; and

16 Whereas Chief Duyck's innovative vision and leadership have greatly enhanced the efficiency
17 and quality of fire protection and emergency medical services at TVF&R and throughout the state,
18 saving many lives and greatly improving the safety of our community; and

19 Whereas Chief Duyck plans to retire in June 2019, leaving TVF&R with very sizeable shoes to
20 fill; and

21 Whereas Chief Duyck is looking forward to spending time on the family farm and enjoying the
22 company of his wife Ann and his daughters Kimberly and Joanna; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

24 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Chief Michael
25 Duyck, and we express our gratitude for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and the State
26 of Oregon; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we wish Chief Duyck well in his retirement.

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