

## Enrolled

# House Concurrent Resolution 201

Sponsored by Representatives BOICE, SCHARF, WRIGHT; Representatives BUNCH, DIEHL, EDWARDS, EVANS, GOMBERG, GRAYBER, HARBICK, HELFRICH, LEVY B, LEWIS, MANNIX, MARSH, MCINTIRE, OSBORNE, OWENS, SKARLATOS, WALTERS, YUNKER, Senators ANDERSON, DRAZAN, FREDERICK, GIROD, GOLDEN, PATTERSON, SMITH DB, THATCHER, WEBER (Presession filed.)

Whereas the first fire district in Oregon was established due to the efforts of Glenn Leininger, the first president of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association; and

Whereas in July of 1932, when Glenn Leininger noticed a small group of firefighters watching a house burn near 82nd Avenue and Sandy Boulevard just outside of Portland, he asked them why they weren't putting out the fire and they told him that they were prohibited from fighting fires outside city limits; and

Whereas the next day, Glenn Leininger went to a meeting of the Parkrose Lions Club and described what he had experienced near 82nd and Sandy; and

Whereas Frank Severs, one of the members of the Parkrose Lions Club who heard Leininger's story, was an attorney and volunteered to develop a petition and legislation for the upcoming session of the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas in 1933, Glenn Leininger and Frank Severs went to Salem, and their work with the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly led to the passage of a bill allowing for the creation of fire districts in Oregon; and

Whereas on November 15, 1933, the Oregon Commissioner of Insurance designated the Parkrose neighborhood as Oregon Rural Fire Protection District #1; and

Whereas in 1950, the first attempt to organize a statewide association of Oregon's approximately 119 fire districts began with a meeting at the Keizer Fire Hall; and

Whereas Glenn Leininger and Frank Severs attended the meeting that generated proposed ground rules and organizational rules for the association, and those rules were presented at the first organizational meeting of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association on June 2, 1950, in the chambers of Salem City Council; and

Whereas after adopting rules and membership requirements, the group voted to invite the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association to hold a joint conference, and at that conference Glenn Leininger was elected as the first President of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association, along with officers Walter A. Morgan and Harold Rosebrough; and

Whereas in 1988, Marion County Fire Chief Ted Miller located and facilitated the purchase of a building located on Court Street in Salem, and over the years, that building, which would be named the Ted Miller Oregon Fire Service Center, has housed the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, the Oregon Fire Service Museum, Memorial and Learning Center, the Oregon Fire Marshals Association and the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators organization; and

Whereas the Board of Directors of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association offers the use of the Ted Miller Fire Service Center to all fire service agencies; and

Whereas the board and staff of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association believe in cooperation and collaboration with all fire service agencies, including the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, the Oregon Fire Service Museum, Memorial and Learning Center, the Oregon Fire Marshals Association, the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators organization, the Oregon State Firefighters Council, the Special Districts Association

of Oregon, the Federation of Fire Chaplains, Oregon Chapter and the Department of the State Fire Marshal; and

Whereas the mission of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association is to promote education, coordination and legislation that advances public safety to the betterment of all Oregonians; and

Whereas the Oregon Fire District Directors Association sponsors the Fire Service Conference, which offers training opportunities for all fire service personnel; and

Whereas in November 2025, the Oregon Fire District Directors Association celebrated its 75th Fire Service Conference at Seaside, Oregon; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor the Oregon Fire District Directors Association for more than 75 years of promoting safety; and be it further

Resolved, That we celebrate the significant contributions of the Oregon Fire District Directors Association to the State of Oregon and we encourage its continued collaboration with agencies throughout this state in protecting the lives and property of all Oregonians.

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Adopted by House February 17, 2026

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 26, 2026

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate