

## Legislation Text

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Declaring February 14, 2001 as “Firefighters Recognition Day.”

WHEREAS, Philadelphia Firefighters are in the front lines of defense against a variety of disasters that threaten life and property. Thousands of citizens owe their lives and safety to the dedication and professionalism of our City’s two thousand seven hundred forty four (2744) fire personnel; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Philadelphia Fire Department responded to two hundred sixty four thousand two hundred ninety eight (264,298) emergency incidents. Due to a free smoke detector program, increased publicity and public education, excellent service and fire safety announcements, Philadelphians were able to defend against the tragedy of fire; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the courage and commitment with which these individuals perform their duties, despite the dangers, stress and frustration which are their constant companions. We encourage all Philadelphians to take this opportunity to thank all firefighters and fire paramedics for the excellent job they do; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby express our gratitude to all our firefighters and fire paramedics in our city and declare February 14, 2001 as Firefighters Recognition Day in Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to George Casey, President of the Philadelphia Firefighters Union, as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.