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H. RES. 201

Honoring four firefighters who lost their lives fighting the Thirtymile Fire
in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. DICKS, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. BAIRD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring four firefighters who lost their lives fighting the
Thirtymile Fire in the Cascade Mountains of Washington
State.

Whereas, on July 10, 2001, 21 United States Forest Service
firefighters were dispatched to contain a spot fire of the
Thirtymile Fire in the Okanogon and Wenatchee Na-
tional Forest in the Cascade Mountains of Washington
State;

Whereas high temperatures, low humidity, and erratic winds,
combined with very dry forest fuels, caused the fire to be-
come an explosive, high-intensity fire that rapidly pro-
gressed from less than 25 acres to over 2,500 acres in
less than 3 hours;;

Whereas 14 of the firefighters were forced to deploy emergency shelters as a result of being overrun by the rapidly expanding fire;

Whereas 4 of the firefighters and 2 civilians were injured in the fire, including firefighter Jason Emhoff, firefighter Thomas Taylor, firefighter Scott Sherzinger, and firefighter Rebecca Welch, whose heroic actions saved the lives of the two civilians;

Whereas, in service to the Nation and in the line of duty to protect their communities and fellow citizens, 4 firefighters lost their lives in the fire; and

Whereas these 4 firefighters who lost their lives were Tom Craven of Ellensburg, Washington, husband and father of two, Karen Fitzpatrick of Yakima, Washington, Jessica Johnson of Yakima Washington, and Devin Weaver of Yakima, Washington: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors firefighters Tom Craven, Karen
3 Fitzpatrick, Jessica Johnson, and Devin Weaver,
4 who lost their lives fighting the Thirtymile Fire in
5 the Cascade Mountains of Washington State, for
6 their bravery and sacrifice in service to the Nation;

7 (2) extends its deepest sympathies to the fami-
8 lies and fellow firefighters of these heroes; and

9 (3) reaffirms its support and commitment to
10 America's Federal firefighters who, without reserva-

- 1 tion, answer the call of duty and risk their lives for
- 2 the Nation.

