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# H. RES. 203

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men  
and women who have lost their lives while serving as  
firefighters.

Whereas there are over 1.1 million career and volunteer fire-  
fighters on active duty in the United States;

Whereas over the past 10 years, 1,109 firefighters have lost  
their lives while fulfilling their commitment of saving the  
lives of others;

Whereas each year fire departments throughout the United  
States receive calls to over 2 million fires, and over 8 mil-  
lion medical emergencies;

Whereas the sacrifices of firefighters often go unrecognized;

Whereas each year fire kills more Americans than all natural  
disasters combined;

Whereas the National Fire Protection Association recently announced that 91 firefighters died on duty nationwide in 1998;

Whereas 807,000 volunteer firefighters risk their lives without compensation; and

Whereas the contributions of the firefighters and their families should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) all firefighters who risk their lives and die  
4       in the line of duty should be honored and recog-  
5       nized; and

6               (2) the President should issue a proclamation  
7       calling upon the people of the United States to  
8       honor and recognize fallen firefighters with appro-  
9       priate ceremonies and respect.

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