

H. Res. 213

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 8, 2003.

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the commitment of individuals who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas over 20,000,000 men and women work in government service in every city, county, and State across the Nation and in hundreds of locations abroad;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials perform essential services that the Nation relies upon every day;

Whereas the United States is a great and prosperous nation, and public service employees have contributed significantly to its greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the Nation benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public service employees—

- (1) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks,
- (2) fight fires and crime,
- (3) deliver the mail,
- (4) teach and work in our public schools,
- (5) deliver Social Security and Medicare benefits,
- (6) fight disease and promote better health,

- (7) protect the environment and our national parks,
- (8) defend and secure critical infrastructure,
- (9) improve and secure transportation and the quality and safety of our food and water,
- (10) build and maintain our roads and bridges,
- (11) provide vital strategic and support functions to our military personnel,
- (12) keep the Nation's economy stable,
- (13) defend our freedom, and
- (14) advance our Nation's interests around the world;

Whereas public service employees at the Federal, State, and local level are our first line of defense in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas public service employees at every level of government are hardworking individuals who are committed to doing a good job, regardless of the circumstances;

Whereas Federal, State, and local government employees have risen to the occasion and demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and courage while fighting the war against terrorism;

Whereas the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those Federal employees who provide support for their efforts, contribute greatly to the security of the Nation and of the world;

Whereas May 5 through 11, 2003, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

- (1) commends America's Federal, State, and local government employees for their outstanding contributions to our country;
- (2) salutes this Nation's public service employees for their unwavering dedication and spirit;
- (3) honors those public service employees who have laid down their lives in service to this Nation;
- (4) calls upon a new generation of workers to consider a career in public service; and
- (5) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at all levels of government.

Attest:

Clerk.