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In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 1, 2004.

Whereas fire kills more Americans than all other natural disasters combined;

Whereas all Americans must work together for the common goal of fire prevention, fire use, and fire suppression;

Whereas firefighters routinely risk their lives to save others, and some sacrifice their lives in the line of duty;

Whereas on March 26, 2004, the Carver Community of Richmond, Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University experienced a devastating fire resulting in the condemnation and destruction of numerous buildings and property;

Whereas strong winds quickly spread the fire through several city blocks and a section of the Virginia Commonwealth University campus;

Whereas firefighters, police, public servants, and civilians exhibited resilience and courage in combating the dangerous fire and in dealing with its aftermath;

Whereas the local firefighters who initially answered the call were later assisted by countless firefighters from fire stations throughout the region who united in a determined effort to defeat the blaze and fight the challenging wind, smoke, and heat conditions in order to save the remaining area;

Whereas public, private, and civic organizations worked as a seamless team preserving and protecting human lives, defending property, and providing food and comfort to all affected; and

Whereas all involved met their community's call to duty by providing brave and steadfast assistance and upholding the finest traditions of the Commonwealth of Virginia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes and honors the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004, and commends them for their dedicated service to the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Attest:

Clerk.