

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 375

Expressing the sense of Congress to support the decision of the United States Court of Federal Claims to award public safety officer death benefits to the family of Christopher Nicholas Kangas, a 14-year old volunteer apprentice firefighter who died as a result of serious injuries sustained en route to assist in fighting a fire.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the intent of Congress when establishing the Public Safety Officers' Benefits program was to extend benefits to individuals who risk their lives for the benefit of the public, regardless of age; and

Whereas Christopher Nicholas Kangas sacrificed his young life while en route to fight a fire, his family was initially

denied Public Safety Death Benefits due to his ineligibility to qualify as a firefighter: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress supports the decision of
3 the United States Court of Federal Claims (No. 05–
4 697C), March 27, 2008, to grant Public Safety Officers
5 Benefits to the family of Christopher Nicholas Kangas, a
6 14-year old volunteer apprentice firefighter who died as
7 a result of serious injuries sustained en route to assist in
8 fighting a fire.

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