

## House Resolution 159

By: Representatives Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Talton of the 145<sup>th</sup>, Jackson of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending the firefighters of Georgia and observing the 37th annual  
2 Firefighters' Recognition Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, there are over 30,000 firefighters who provide the very  
4 critical service of fire fighting in the more than 900 local fire departments; and

5 WHEREAS, the goals of each and every one of these members of the fire service specifically  
6 include fire prevention, life safety, and fire suppression; and

7 WHEREAS, the firefighters of Georgia have dedicated themselves to the protection of life  
8 and property from the beginning of their training at the Georgia Fire Academy through their  
9 cooperation with the state fire marshal in the investigation of fires and their causes; and

10 WHEREAS, the firefighters of Georgia have continuously supported efforts to elevate the  
11 standards and training of firefighters and have been instrumental in increasing the public's  
12 awareness of methods of fire prevention and suppression; and

13 WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, this state's  
14 firefighters help to assure an orderly society and enhance the citizenry's sense of security; and

15 WHEREAS, in placing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some  
16 instances, risking their lives for the sake of others, the state's firefighters exemplify the  
17 highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; and

18 WHEREAS, February 3, 2009, is Firefighters' Recognition Day, and it is fitting and proper  
19 that the firefighters of Georgia be recognized by the members of this body for their  
20 outstanding and courageous service to the people of the State of Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 each and every firefighter in this state is commended for his or her outstanding service to the  
23 people of this state and that Firefighters' Recognition Day is being observed in honor of the  
24 firefighters of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Association of  
27 Fire Chiefs and to Thad Dixon, President of the Georgia State Firefighter's Association.