Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair SCR 102 (Caballero) – As Introduced August 18, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 37-0

SUBJECT: California Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of October 2025 as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and October 4, 2025, as California Firefighters Memorial Day. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The California Firefighters Memorial, located on the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with pride, courage, and honor.
- 2) The California Firefighters Memorial is maintained by the California Fire Foundation to ensure that it continues to be a symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect the people, property, and beauty of California.
- 3) The California Firefighters Memorial is the only state monument capturing the names in perpetuity of those courageous firefighters in California who have put service to our great State of California above all else. Each of the over 1,500 names engraved on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters Memorial serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of our state who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters.
- 4) California firefighters respond to approximately three million incidents across the state each year and the scope of their work goes beyond fighting fires. They also provide emergency medical services and respond to natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, water rescue emergencies, high-angle and confined space emergencies, and other general public service calls.
- 5) The catastrophic urban conflagration across the County of Los Angeles in January 2025 brought thousands of firefighters from across the state to battle the wildfires and save countless lives through their dedication and bravery.
- 6) The California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in the City of Sacramento to commemorate the line-of-duty service and sacrifice of 30 California fire service professionals.
- 7) As it did when the California Firefighters Memorial was formally unveiled over two decades ago on April 6, 2002, this year's ceremony will feature a solemn, uniformed personnel procession. State and local elected officials and other dignitaries, as well as hundreds of Californians, family members, and friends of fallen firefighters, will travel to the City of Sacramento to honor their lost loved ones.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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