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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

**Introduced by Assembly Members Bogh, Rod Pacheco, and
Negrete McLeod**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters.

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ACR 113, as amended, Bogh. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters.

This measure would recognize and commend the bravery and selflessness of the firefighters of the California Department of Forestry

and Fire Protection and express appreciation for their continued service and dedication to the citizens of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Department of Forestry and Fire
2 Protection (CDF) firefighters perform an essential public service,
3 and CDF is the third largest fire fighting agency in the country and
4 operates 634 fire stations in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the significant duties,
6 responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the approximately
7 4,500 CDF firefighters, 1,200 of whom work for local
8 governments pursuant to contractual agreements between CDF
9 and local governments for fire fighting services; and

10 WHEREAS, The men and women of CDF continue to devote
11 themselves to their jobs regardless of the potential hazards and
12 dangers to themselves; and

13 WHEREAS, They selflessly respond to such emergencies as the
14 Oakland Hills Fire, the Dunsmuir Flood, and assisting in the rescue
15 efforts in Oklahoma City after the 1995 bombing; and

16 WHEREAS, CDF firefighters answer over 300,000 calls a year
17 and only 2.5 percent, approximately, of those calls relate to
18 wildland fires; and

19 WHEREAS, The firefighters of CDF perform the same work as
20 other municipal fire departments, such as responding to structural
21 fires, automobile accidents, attending to victims of heart attacks,
22 drownings, and rescuing flood and earthquake victims; and

23 WHEREAS, According to the California Department of
24 Personnel Administration, CDF firefighters, as of July 2001, are
25 earning approximately 40 percent less than other firefighters
26 employed by local governments; and

27 WHEREAS, CDF firefighters work an average of seventy-two
28 hours per week while local government firefighters work an
29 average of fifty-six hours per week; and

30 WHEREAS, Because of these facts CDF firefighters work
31 approximately one-third more hours for one-third less pay than do
32 firefighters employed by other jurisdictions; and

33 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters' Memorial in Capitol
34 Park will bear the names of approximately 400 firefighters who
35 died in the line of duty and approximately 70 of those will be the
36 names of CDF firefighters who have lost their lives protecting our



1 citizens, their homes, parks, and communities; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
5 does hereby recognize and commend the bravery and selflessness
6 of the firefighters of the California Department of Forestry and
7 Fire Protection, and expresses its appreciation for their continued
8 service and dedication to the citizens of California; and be it
9 further

10 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
11 of this resolution to the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection,
12 and to each Senator and Representative from California in the
13 Congress of the United States.

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