

Introduced by Senator Leyva

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to California Firefighters Memorial Day.

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SCR 164, as introduced, Leyva. California Firefighters Memorial Day.

This measure would proclaim October 15, 2016, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial, located on
2 the grounds of the State Capitol, serves to honor and commemorate
3 California firefighters who unwaveringly serve our great state with
4 pride, courage, and honor; and

5 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is also a
6 symbol of gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of
7 the fire service who put their lives on the line each day to protect
8 the people, property, and beauty of California; and

9 WHEREAS, Each of the approximately 1,300 names engraved
10 on the brushed limestone walls of the California Firefighters
11 Memorial serves as a timeless tribute to the finest and bravest of
12 our state who have made the ultimate sacrifice as firefighters; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Firefighters Memorial is the only
14 state monument capturing the names of those courageous
15 firefighters in California who have put service to our great state
16 of California above all else, and it shall continue this legacy in
17 perpetuity; and

1 WHEREAS, Many of the fallen firefighters whose names adorn
2 the California Firefighters Memorial suffered and ultimately
3 succumbed to diseases, such as cancer, as a result of the hazardous
4 nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxic chemicals;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, On October 15, 2016, hundreds of firefighters and
7 their families from throughout the state will gather in Sacramento
8 with their fellow Californians for the California Firefighters
9 Memorial Ceremony 2016 to honor the men and women of the
10 fire service who have selflessly given their lives to protect
11 California; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
13 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby proclaims October
14 15, 2016, as California Firefighters Memorial Day and urges
15 Californians to always remember firefighters who have given their
16 lives in the line of duty and to express appreciation to firefighters
17 who continue to protect our families; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.