

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATOR ASSUMING A FORMAL
ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR PROGRAM**

Offered by:
National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Whereas Public Law 93-498, cited as the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act, authorized the establishment of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration and the National Academy for Fire Prevention and Control, and through subsequent legislation were renamed the United States Fire Administration and National Fire Academy, respectively;

Whereas Public Law 93-498, in addition, authorized the President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety, to be presented by the President of the United States, and the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service, which was to be presented by the Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Defense, or by the Attorney General of the United States for distinguished service in the field of public safety;

Whereas President Bill Clinton issued Executive Order Number 13161 on June 29, 2000, establishing the Presidential Medal of Valor for Public Safety awarded to public safety officials for acts of valor and granting full authority to the Attorney General to administer the program;

Whereas Public Law 107-12, the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001, struck language for the President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety and the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service and added language creating two separate awards: the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor and the Director's Award For Distinguished Public Safety Service, the former of which was to recognize public safety officers for acts of valor;

Whereas the award presentation for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor takes place annually at a White House ceremony involving the President and the Attorney General;

Whereas the award is presented to public safety officers, including fire, EMS, and law enforcement;

Whereas the United States Fire Administrator is the highest-ranking federal official representing our nation's fire and emergency services;

Whereas over the history of this awards program, the United States Fire Administrator has had no formal involvement in the program or the award presentation nor recognition during the ceremony;

Whereas the national fire service organizations remain committed to elevating the fire and emergency services at the federal level and support a formal role for the United States Fire Administrator in the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Program and the annual awards presentation;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute shall pursue options for including national fire service organization leaders and formalizing a role for the United States Fire Administrator in the administration of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Program and conferring of such awards.