

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4620, by Representatives Graham, Chambers, Jacobsen, Robertson, Dufault, Eslick, MacEwen, Abbarno, McCaslin, Mosbrucker, Klippert, Dye, Walsh, Ybarra, Fitzgibbon, Boehnke, Leavitt, Bronoske, Schmick, Barkis, Riccelli, Lovick, Sells, Corry, Orwall, Shewmake, Dent, Chandler, Kraft, Ryu, Goehner, Walen, Klicker, Callan, Caldier, and Chase

1       WHEREAS, Firefighters in the State of Washington risk their lives  
2 every day to protect the lives, property, and well-being of our  
3 citizens; and

4       WHEREAS, There are over 8,000 men and women who serve as  
5 firefighters and over 10,000 who have served as volunteer  
6 firefighters in the State of Washington; and

7       WHEREAS, 16 of Washington state's firefighters, both active and  
8 retired, have died since 2019, as well as two volunteer firefighters;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, Firefighters have continued fulfilling their sworn  
11 duties, despite the threat of COVID-19 in our state; and

12       WHEREAS, We recognize the additional risks firefighters have  
13 faced as first responders on the frontlines of the pandemic in our  
14 nation; and

15       WHEREAS, Last year, our state experienced some of the worst  
16 wildfires in the nation, and the Washington wildfire season saw more  
17 individual fires than any prior year, causing the air quality in our  
18 state to reach unprecedented dangerous levels; and

19       WHEREAS, Firefighters braved these wildfires and COVID-19  
20 concurrently, with their hard work and sacrifice undoubtedly saving  
21 countless lives; and

