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Senate Resolution No. ____

A resolution commending the firefighters who
battled the Florida wildfires during May, June,
and July, 1998.

WHEREAS, wildfires invaded more than one-third of the
counties in this state during May, June, and July, 1998,
charring land from the Apalachicola National Forest to the
Intracoastal Waterway and from the Okefenokee Swamp to Cape
Canaveral, and

WHEREAS, the outbreak of more than 2,200 drought-fueled
wildfires in 1998 burned more than one-half million acres and
damaged or destroyed an estimated 340 homes and 33 businesses
in the worst series of wildfires that this state has
experienced in more than 50 years, and

WHEREAS, the damage to this state would have been far
worse if it were not for the tireless efforts of more than
5,000 firefighters from across Florida and more than 44
states, representing more than 150 fire-fighting units from
municipal, county, state, federal, and multi-state agencies,
and

WHEREAS, these firefighters risked their lives to save
lives and property and truly represent the best traits of
humanity, heroism, sacrifice, and the spirit of service to
others, and

WHEREAS, although words cannot express the heartfelt
gratitude that the residents and visitors in this state feel
for the dedication of these brave firefighters and their noble
profession, it is fitting that the Senate pause to pay them
tribute, NOW, THEREFORE,

1 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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3 That the Florida Senate commends the firefighters from
4 throughout this state and nation for their heroism and
5 tireless efforts to fight the wildfires that occurred across
6 this state during the summer of 1998.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Senate
8 encourages the residents of this state to remember these brave
9 individuals in their thoughts and prayers.

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