

By Senator Hooper

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Senate Resolution

A resolution celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Florida Professional Firefighters Association.

WHEREAS, the Florida Professional Firefighters Association was chartered by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) on January 11, 1944, and

WHEREAS, initially formed by six local branches of the IAFF, which included the members of Miami, IAFF Local 587; Pensacola, IAFF Local 707; West Palm Beach, IAFF Local 727; Saint Petersburg, IAFF Local 747; Tampa, IAFF Local 754; and Fort Lauderdale, IAFF Local 765, the Florida Professional Firefighters Association has grown to over 28,000 members who work in nearly 200 fire rescue and emergency medical services departments and represent the vast majority of structural firefighters, wildland firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians serving the residents of this state, and

WHEREAS, for eight decades, the Florida Professional Firefighters Association has advocated not only on behalf of its own members, but also on behalf of all Floridians in the interest of their safety and well-being, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Professional Firefighters Association and its members have made a substantial contribution to this state's growth and prosperity over the last 80 years by embracing their unique role as a union of public servants partnering with the state and its cities, counties, towns, villages, and districts in order to provide robust emergency response and disaster relief to those they serve, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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33       That the Florida Senate congratulates the Florida  
34 Professional Firefighters Association on its 80th anniversary,  
35 January 11, 2024, and encourages all residents of this state to  
36 demonstrate thanks and appreciation for the professional  
37 firefighters and paramedics who dedicate their lives to  
38 protecting all Floridians.