

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HONORING BATTALION CHIEFS FRANK HAR-  
3 WOOD AND JOHN MORRISON JR., FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF KOOTENAI COUNTY FIRE  
4 AND RESCUE AND THE COEUR D'ALENE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THEIR HEROIC SER-  
5 VICE AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY, HONORING CRITICALLY IN-  
6 JURED ENGINEER DAVID TYSDAL OF THE COEUR D'ALENE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND  
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS IN IDAHO.

8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, on June 29, 2025, Battalion Chief Frank Harwood of Kootenai  
10 County Fire and Rescue (Local 2856) and Battalion Chief John Morrison Jr. of  
11 the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department (Local 710) responded to a reported brush  
12 fire on Canfield Mountain near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, only to be ambushed and  
13 tragically killed in the line of duty by a premeditated attack; and

14 WHEREAS, a third firefighter, Engineer David Tysdal of the Coeur  
15 d'Alene Fire Department, was critically wounded in the same incident but  
16 demonstrated remarkable resilience in his recovery; and

17 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Harwood dedicated years of selfless service to  
18 protecting the lives and property of Idahoans, exemplifying courage, lead-  
19 ership, and commitment to his community; and

20 WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Morrison served with distinction, embodying  
21 the highest ideals of the fire service through his bravery, expertise, and  
22 unwavering dedication to public safety; and

23 WHEREAS, these fallen heroes made the ultimate sacrifice while protect-  
24 ing their fellow citizens, highlighting the daily risks faced by firefight-  
25 ers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, and other first  
26 responders across Idaho; and

27 WHEREAS, the families of fallen first responders endure profound loss  
28 and hardship, yet their strength and resilience inspire gratitude and sup-  
29 port from the people of Idaho; and

30 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the State of Idaho to recognize and  
31 honor the sacrifices of all first responders who risk their lives to safe-  
32 guard our communities and to affirm that their contributions and difficul-  
33 ties should not be forgotten.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular  
35 Session of the Sixty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives  
36 and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature honors the memory  
37 of Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood and John Morrison Jr. for their heroic  
38 actions and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and extends its deepest  
39 condolences to their families, colleagues, and the communities they served.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the bravery of  
41 Engineer David Tysdal of the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department and extends its  
42 support and gratitude to him, his family, his colleagues, and the community  
43 that he has served.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the bravery of  
2 all first responders and commits to supporting measures that enhance their  
3 safety.

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an enrolled copy of this resolution be pre-  
5 sented to the families of Battalion Chiefs Frank Harwood and John Morrison  
6 Jr. and Engineer David Tysdal, the International Association of Fire Fight-  
7 ers, Kootenai County Fire and Rescue, and the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department  
8 as an expression of our gratitude and respect.