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Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 15th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. The version of the resolution that will be considered on the floor is different from the originally introduced version. The summary below reflects the new language.

Summary: H.Res. 80 would resolve that the House “commends all Fire Chiefs Associations on the outstanding service that they provide to the Citizens of the United States of America.”

The resolution also includes the following findings:

- “Fire Chiefs Associations provide comprehensive and integrated statewide public safety efforts, thereby enhancing the quality of life of American citizens by reducing the effects of fire, medical, and environmental emergencies;
- “the mission statements of all Fire Chiefs Association have continuously broadened beyond the original goals of working for the promotion of fire prevention, protection from and extinguishment of fires to keep pace with the new challenges and demands facing the 21st Century, working in conjunction with our efforts in securing our Homeland;
- “Upon realizing the need for regional cooperation toward to the advancement of fire service in he United States, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association established the Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, which annually draws from states within the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States, and which serves to educate firefighters on new techniques; and
- “Whereas, on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary, the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, will be once again hosting their annual Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium, on February 24, 2005.”

Additional Background: For more information on the Virginia Fire Chief’s Association, visit this website: <http://www.sfcav.org/>

Committee Action: On February 9, 2005, the resolution was referred to the Government Reform Committee, which took no official action on it. On February 15, the resolution was amended to incorporate a more national scope.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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