

Resolution No. 20

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: IAFF 100 Years (1918- 2018)

1 WHEREAS, the founders of the International
2 Association of Fire Fighters set out in 1918 to
3 “organize all fire fighters...foster a higher degree of
4 skill and efficiency...improve and protect members’
5 health and welfare establish safety standards ...
6 cultivate friendship and fellowship... provide proper
7 compensation for work performed... and improve
8 social and economic conditions”; and

9 WHEREAS, a century ago, when our union’s
10 forefathers worked seven days a week and had few
11 benefits or safety protections, the IAFF was formed
12 by fire fighters for fire fighters to become their voice
13 and the protector of the protectors; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, this union
15 has worked at every level to fulfill the vision of our
16 founders and today, after a century of progress
17 through unity, we are the driving force behind nearly
18 every advance in the fire and emergency services;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, with headquarters in Washington,
21 DC, and Ottawa, Ontario, the IAFF today represents
22 more than 310,000 full-time professional fire fighters
23 and paramedics in more than 3,300 affiliates,
24 protecting more than 85 percent of the population in
25 communities throughout the United States and
26 Canada; and

27 WHEREAS, the IAFF is also one of the most
28 effective lobbying organizations in both countries
29 and our gold and black brand is sought at every level

30 of politics – national, state/provincial and local; and
31 WHEREAS, our union’s strength and solidarity
32 has enabled our members and affiliates to continue to
33 thrive and grow even during the toughest of times,
34 while also ensuring that this noble profession
35 remains as safe as it can be for the greatest
36 membership in the world; therefore be it

37 RESOLVED, That the delegates assembled at the
38 54th Convention of the IAFF recognize the courage
39 and boldness of those great union leaders who came
40 before us; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That as we celebrate this 100th
42 anniversary of the IAFF, we all commit to continuing
43 to work, as we have in the past, to advance this great
44 profession and lead our union and members into
45 another century of progress through the next 100
46 years.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted