

Resolution No. 31

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: IAFF Censure of Savannah Fire Chief Charles G. Middleton

1 WHEREAS, the Savannah Professional Fire
2 Fighters Association, IAFF Local 574, represents the
3 hard-working women and men of the Savannah Fire
4 Department, who protect and serve the more than
5 136,000 citizens of, and more than 13 million annual
6 visitors to, the City of Savannah, Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Charter establishes a
8 merit-based, civil-service system, whereby
9 promotions are to be made by selecting a candidate
10 appearing among the top three names on a ranked
11 eligibility list; and

12 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Fire Chief Charles
13 G. Middleton has made promotions in the Savannah
14 Fire Department in apparent violation of the City's
15 own merit-based, civil-service system; and

16 WHEREAS, the Fair Labor Standards Act
17 requires employers to permit employees to use
18 accrued compensatory time within a reasonable
19 period after making a request, if the compensatory
20 time does not unduly disrupt employer operations;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Chief Middleton
23 has acted on Local 574 members' compensatory-time
24 requests in apparent violation of the Fair Labor
25 Standards Act; and

26 WHEREAS, medical research has linked fire
27 fighting to greater incidences of cancer; and

28 WHEREAS, Chief Middleton disputed the IAFF's

29 classification of a Local 574 member's death from
30 cancer as a line-of-duty death; therefore be it
31 RESOLVED, That the International Association
32 of Fire Fighters formally censure Fire Chief Charles
33 G. Middleton; and be it further
34 RESOLVED, That notice of this censure be
35 disseminated to Chief Middleton, all International
36 Association of Fire Fighters affiliates, the
37 International Association of Fire Chiefs, and to
38 the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager of
39 Savannah.

Submitted by: Local 574, Savannah Professional Fire Fighters
Professional Fire Fighters of Georgia, A-9

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Withdrawn

CONVENTION ACTION: Withdrawn