

***A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE TO REQUIRE FIRE
SPRINKLERS IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND
TOWNHOUSES***

Offered by the Home Safety Council

Whereas, the Congressional Fire Services Institute is an organization dedicated to public safety, and

Whereas, the Congressional Fire Services Institute considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an overwhelming number of these deaths occurring in homes, and

Whereas, the Congressional Fire Services Institute desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the nation's losses due to fire, and

Whereas, the Congressional Fire Services Institute recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Congressional Fire Services Institute supports the approval of recommended modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all residential structures; and be it further

Resolved, the Congressional Fire Services Institute hereby encourages fire and building officials to attend and participate in the ICC code development hearings to cast their votes in favor of modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all residential structures; and be it further

Resolved, the Congressional Fire Services Institute hereby encourages jurisdictions to support building and fire code officials to attend the ICC Final Action Hearing in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September 2009 to support residential sprinklers.