

## **Resolution expressing support for the Firefighter Research and Coordination Act**

- Whereas the tragic events of September 11, 2001 underscored the need for additional training and advanced technologies for our nation's fire and emergency services;
- Whereas we have witnessed the emergence of new technologies designed to improve the fire and emergency services level of readiness to future terrorist events and other large-scale disasters;
- Whereas some of this technology has the potential to address the immediate needs of our nation's public safety agencies, while other technology requires additional scrutiny and testing before the fire and emergency services can be assured of its intended performance;
- Whereas greater coordination of local, state and federal resources are needed during large-scale disasters, and the United States Fire Administration is capable of addressing this challenge without disrupting or the command structure pre-determined by the incident command system;
- Whereas the need exists for a national credentialing system to assist in the deployment of emergency personnel who respond to events outside their jurisdictions;
- Whereas training programs on terrorism and other national emergencies offered by government agencies should not be duplicative and whereas the National Fire Academy should consult with other Federal, state and local agency officials in developing curricular for classes at the Academy;

***Be it resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute's National Advisory Committee support the Firefighter Research and Coordination Act.***

**Resolution offered by the North American Training Directors  
Fall, 2002 Meeting**