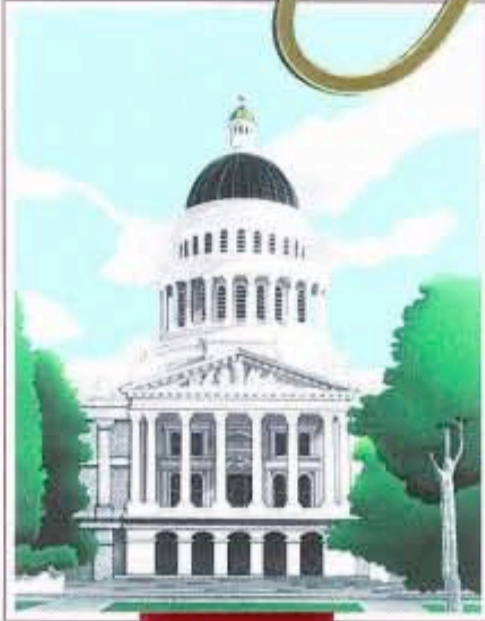


# Assembly



## R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable Nancy Skinner  
14th Assembly District; Relative to commending

### Fire Chief Marc McGinn

**Whereas**, The men and women who devote their time and energy to the duties of fire prevention and suppression have assumed responsibilities essential for the safety of their fellow citizens; and

**Whereas**, Fire Chief Marc McGinn is retiring after unselfishly serving his community with great dedication for over two decades, and as he draws to a close his illustrious career, he is deserving of the highest commendations for guiding the development of the Albany Fire Department into the institution it is today; and

**Whereas**, Embarking on the difficult and dangerous endeavor of serving the public as a firefighter, Chief Marc McGinn joined the Albany Fire Department on August 1, 1978, and willingly accepted on a daily basis the hazardous work, serious responsibilities, and strong commitment emblematic of what is expected of a firefighter; and

**Whereas**, Advancing to Captain on April 1, 1982, Chief Marc McGinn demonstrated masterful leadership and results-oriented vision in this position, and he was appointed as Chief of the Albany Fire Department on April 12, 1993; and

**Whereas**, Under the direction of Chief Marc McGinn, the Albany Fire Department offers fire protection, emergency and disaster response, paramedic services, and community education, and firefighters in the Department, which features two ambulances, also function as Albany's Emergency Medical Services providers; and

**Whereas**, Courses offered by the Albany Fire Department include CPR, first aid, home safety, earthquake preparedness, and search and rescue; and

**Whereas**, In addition, the Department offers a smoke detector installation program, sponsors a junior firefighter program, and is available for blood pressure screening for any Albany resident; and

**Whereas**, Renowned throughout the nation for his advocacy of photoelectric detectors, Chief Marc McGinn worked tirelessly over the course of his career to outlaw the use of ionization smoke detectors, which are flame detectors and not smoke detectors, even when combined with a photoelectric sensor in the same unit; and

**Whereas**, Inspired by Chief Marc McGinn's passion and years of diligent research, Albany became the first city in California to take a public stand on the importance of photoelectric-only alarms, which use a light source to detect the presence of smoke; and

**Whereas**, As a dedicated and valiant public servant, Chief Marc McGinn epitomizes the true character of the brave men and women who devote their careers to the perilous duties of the fire service; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by Assembly Member Nancy Skinner**, That Chief Marc McGinn of the Albany Fire Department be honored on the occasion of his well-earned retirement, commended for providing the highest level of service and protection to his community, and extended the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.

Members Resolution No. 748

Dated this 7th day of April, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Honorable Nancy Skinner  
14th Assembly District