

My name is Evelyn Hudson of Scappoose, Columbia County Oregon

On April 25, 1935, Floyd McMullen is the only Salem firefighter to die in the line of duty. Floyd was killed when the Oregon State Capital burned to the ground. Floyd was a Willamette University Student and a Volunteer "sleeper" for Salem Fire Department.

There are 169 names of Oregon Fallen Firefighters on the memorial wall in Salem at DPSST. In 2018 there were 86 firefighters that died in the line of duty around the United States, 2 are from Oregon.

I encourage you to mark your calendar to attend the Oregon Firefighters annual memorial in Salem on the third Thursday of September. This year will be Thursday, September 19th.

I have a direct interest in this cause; I lost my nephew Robert A. Hales in 2008 that left behind his wife and three young daughters. But it is not just about our family, it is about all of the families of the "Fallen," from Armed Forces, Public Safety Officers and Fire Fighters who all deserve to be honored and not forgotten.

I, Evelyn Hudson fully support SB528. Thank you for your time, it is greatly appreciated.