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On November 19, 1895, Fireman Sam Haskins was crushed to death in a horse-drawn fire engine accident. He was the first Los Angeles firefighter killed during an active fire incident. A total of sixty-two firefighters have died working to protect the residents of the City of Los Angeles. The entire City grieves when these incidents occur and it is important to show our collective gratitude to these fallen firefighters. Their courage, dedication, and sacrifice make it possible for all Los Angeles residents to feel safe, secure, and protected in times of crisis.


In 2014, the Council authorized a program to honor fallen Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers by erecting honorary street signs at or near locations where officers were killed. It is appropriate to establish a similar program for LAFD personnel to pay tribute to fallen firefighters who have died during an active fire incident. The United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC) has agreed to fund the fabrication of the signs, and the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society will provide the names and locations of fallen Los Angeles City firefighters. The Department of Transportation should support the project and install the honorary signs at the appropriate locations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to work with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC), and the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society to fabricate honorary street signs for all LAFD personnel who have been killed during an active fire incident, to install the signs in the approximate location of each incident to serve as an ongoing memorial to these brave individuals, and to repair any signs that are damaged within 48 hours.

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