

Resolution No. 9

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: Mark Ouellette Eastern Trustee Emeritus

1 WHEREAS, Brother Mark S. Ouellette joined the
2 Hampton Fire Department in Hampton, New
3 Hampshire, in 1975 and just three years later in 1978,
4 became one of the 24 charter members of Hampton
5 Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local
6 2664, where he served with distinction as Treasurer
7 and President; and

8 WHEREAS, Brother Ouellette was elected
9 President of the Professional Fire Fighters of New
10 Hampshire (PFFNH) in 1983 and served in that
11 capacity for 19 years until 2002, during which time
12 he organized 19 new local unions, significantly
13 growing IAFF membership in the state while
14 tirelessly fighting to improve wages, benefits,
15 working conditions, and firefighter safety for
16 thousands of professional fire fighters; and

17 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary
18 leadership, Brother Ouellette was named the first
19 President Emeritus of the PFFNH, a distinction he
20 earned through nearly two decades of dedicated
21 service to his state association; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2000, Brother Ouellette was
23 elected IAFF Eastern Region Trustee where he
24 faithfully served for more than 24 years, working
25 with the auditors, the General Secretary-Treasurer,
26 and the General President to safeguard and oversee

27 the members' investment in the IAFF; and
28 WHEREAS, with more than 45 years of
29 continuous union service at the local, state, and
30 International levels, Brother Ouellette led by
31 example, mentored generations of fire fighters, and
32 demonstrated unwavering commitment to the core
33 values of the IAFF; and

34 WHEREAS, even while courageously battling
35 occupational cancer for several years, Brother
36 Ouellette continued to serve the IAFF with
37 exemplary dedication – participating in meetings
38 virtually when necessary and ensuring the
39 completion of his fiduciary responsibilities; including
40 the annual audit just days before his passing on
41 February 11, 2025; therefore be it

42 RESOLVED, That the International Association
43 of Fire Fighters posthumously bestows upon Brother
44 Mark S. Ouellette the title of Eastern Region Trustee
45 Emeritus of the International Association of Fire
46 Fighters in recognition of his lifetime of
47 distinguished service, exemplary leadership, and
48 enduring commitment to the IAFF and its members.

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONVENTION ACTION: