

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Gary West upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service with the Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Gary West upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service with the Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company of Queensbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gary West, owner of the G.A. Sign Company in Hudson Falls, has served the Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company as Chief and is currently the company's Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Gary West is such a firefighter; throughout his 50 years of devoted service, Gary West has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Gary West for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gary West.