

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending David Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service as President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York

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 David Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service as President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, to be celebrated on Friday, August 17, 2012, at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Newburgh, New York, David Jacobowitz graduated from the State University College at Oswego in 1970, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, David Jacobowitz moved to Whitesboro, New York, and was employed as a Technology teacher at Rome Free Academy, where he also served as wrestling coach from 1976-1978 and as class advisor from 1975-1992; and

WHEREAS, David Jacobowitz has served as a member of the Whitesboro Fire Department since 1971, and as its Chief from 1981-2001; he also served as a Uniform Building and Fire Prevention Enforcement Officer for the Village of Whitesboro from 1984-1993; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David Jacobowitz has been a valued member of the Oneida County Fire Advisory Board for the last 22 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, David Jacobowitz was elected as 1st Vice President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), and was subsequently elected in 2010 to serve as its President; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his firematic career, David Jacobowitz has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 1992 New York State Association of Fire Chief's Excellence in Leadership Award, the 1992 Ambrose F. Carey Fireman of the Year Award, and the Whitestown American Legion Post No. 1113's Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, David Jacobowitz has also served as a member of the Oneida County Arson Task Force, the Oneida County E911 Task Force, and as a member of the Village of Whitesboro Planning Board; 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; David Jacobowitz is such a firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this volunteer 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 David Jacobowitz upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service as President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Jacobowitz.