

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Bruce Hoskins upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Westport Hose 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 Bruce Hoskins upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Westport Hose Company to be celebrated Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the Westport Hose Company Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Hoskins joined the Westport Hose Company on May 1, 1963; in addition to serving as a firefighter, he served many years as the treasurer of the Westport Hose Company, volunteered for the emergency squad, and continues to serve as a member of the Westport Hose Company Fire Police; 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, Bruce Hoskins has been married to his loving wife, Nona, for 57 years; they are the proud parents of seven children, David, Katherine, Tammy, Cheryl, Peggy, Robert, and Willie, and eight grandchildren; 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; Bruce Hoskins is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Firefighter Bruce Hoskins for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bruce Hoskins.