

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Richard L. Hall upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 57 years of dedicated service to Keene Valley Hose and Ladder Company No. 1

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 Richard L. Hall upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 57 years of dedicated service to Keene Valley Hose and Ladder Company No. 1 to be celebrated on Monday, November 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 4, 1935, Richard L. Hall has been the owner of Valley Grocery for 44 years; for 16 years, he served his community as a Councilman for the Town of Keene, and was a member of the Keene Central School Board of Education for seven years as well as the Keene Youth Commission Board for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a dedicated member of Keene Valley Hose and Ladder Company No. 1 since 1956, Richard L. Hall held numerous positions such as Fire Chief for 27 years, Fire Police Chief for 15 years, and member of the Board of Directors for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Richard L. Hall is also a 40 year member of the Keene Valley Hose and Ladder Company No. 1 Ambulance Squad, and the Keene Valley Rod and Gun Club for 54 years; 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; Richard L. Hall is such a firefighter; throughout 57 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their three children, Richard A. Hall, Ronald C. Hall, and Carol H. Reed, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Richard L. Hall for 57 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard L. Hall.