

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Francis Head upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 62 years of dedicated service to the Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department

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, A member of the Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department for 62 years, Firefighter Francis ("Beanie") Head has held the positions of lieutenant, captain, 2nd assistant chief, 1st assistant chief, fire chief and fire police captain; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Firefighter Francis Head has been the Secretary/Treasurer for the Warsaw Rescue Squad for 35 years; he also served as an EMT and was a fire truck driver and operator; and

WHEREAS, Past president and life member of the Wyoming County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Francis Head is also a past president and life member of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Francis Head served in the United States Army during the Korean War and received the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, UN Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and two Bronze Service Stars; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the American Legion, Francis Head has held multiple positions with his Post, including as Commander and 1st Vice Commander; and

WHEREAS, Francis Head has also served on the Warsaw Village Planning Board and has been its Chairman, as well as having served as Warsaw Village Justice, and is a member of the Warsaw Exempt Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, Francis Head retired after 37 years as a heavy construction supervisor for the New York Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, A member of St. Michael's Parish, Francis Head has been married for 46 years and is the father of three children; he also has eight grandchildren and one great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Francis Head upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 62 years of dedicated service to the Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department; 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; Francis Head is such a firefighter; throughout his 62 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 honor Firefighter Francis Head upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 62 years of dedicated service to the Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Francis ("Beanie") Head.