

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Charles Elmore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service to the Sparrowbush Engine 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 Charles Elmore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service to the Sparrowbush Engine Company, to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Sparrowbush, New York; 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, Charles Elmore is 90 years of age, and an active member of the Sparrowbush Engine Company; during 2013, he answered 195 alarms, making him the top responder for the Sparrowbush Engine Company; and

WHEREAS, Presently, Charles Elmore is the Captain of the Fire Police, and one of the oldest active fire policemen in New York State; and

WHEREAS, A life member of the Sparrowbush Engine Company, Charles Elmore's has also served as Commissioner, and Past Chief; 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; Charles Elmore is such a firefighter; throughout 54 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 Charles Elmore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service to the Sparrowbush Engine Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Charles Elmore.