

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to Firefighter Daniel Gavin for his valiant and dedicated service to the Owego Fire Department and his community

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life and property of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to Firefighter Daniel Gavin for his valiant and dedicated service to the Owego Fire Department and his community; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, January 21, 2013, 28-year-old Firefighter Daniel Gavin of the Owego Fire Department and part of a mutual aid response team responded to a house fire in Newark Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Despite the injuries he sustained, Daniel Gavin continued on, helping as colleagues from several departments worked to pull a fellow firefighter from the blaze; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dedicated service to the Owego Fire Department, Daniel Gavin serves his community as a Tioga County Sheriff's Deputy and Owego Police Officer; 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; Daniel Gavin 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; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Firefighter Daniel Gavin has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals, such as Firefighter Daniel Gavin, who perform dangerous and life-threatening firefighting with diligence and precision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Firefighter Daniel Gavin for his valiant and dedicated service to the Owego Fire Department and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Daniel Gavin.