

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John Bowers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Loch Sheldrake 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter John Bowers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Loch Sheldrake Community Hall; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter John Bowers has held numerous positions with the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department including Chief Engineer and Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Due to his construction background, Firefighter John Bowers was instrumental in building the Department Firemen's Park as well as the addition of its ambulance bay located in the firehouse; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Doris, and their four children, as well as several grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; John Bowers 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 John Bowers for 50 years of distinguished service to the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John Bowers.