

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Eugene A. Preston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the North Greece 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 Eugene A. Preston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the North Greece 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, A lifelong resident of Greece, Eugene A. Preston joined the North Greece Fire Department on May 8, 1961; throughout his illustrious career, he was President of the Department from 1978 to 1984, and served on the North Greece Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners from 1988 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, After more than five decades of steadfast dedication to the North Greece Fire Department, Eugene A. Preston continues today as one of the most active members and apparatus drivers; he has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Fire District Service Awards program for volunteer recruitment / retention; and

WHEREAS, A longtime member of the Society for Preservation and Appreciation of Motorized Fire Apparatus in America, Eugene A. Preston is a member of numerous firematic organizations some of which include: Monroe County Fire Chiefs; Life Member of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs; Monroe County Fire District Officers Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and Firemen's Association of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Preston was married to his beloved wife Pat for 42 years prior to her passing in 2008; and

WHEREAS, In addition, with him throughout have been his three loving children, Kimberly, Mark and Karen, and six beautiful grandchildren, Brittany, Chelsea, Sean, Lydia, Michael and Raina, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Eugene A. Preston is such a firefighter; throughout 55 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 Eugene A. Preston for 55 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eugene A. Preston.