

Senate Resolution No. 1223

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Charles W. Tonneson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Anthony R. Cocks Award by the Storm King Fire Engine Company No. 2 on March 31, 2017

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

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles W. Tonneson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Anthony R. Cocks Award by the Storm King Fire Engine Company No. 2, to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, March 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Anthony R. Cocks Award is given to the member of the Department who best exemplifies the exceptional character of its namesake; Charles W. Tonneson is receiving this Award for his enthusiastic participation and exceptional performance during all Department activities, and for his positive attitude and support of his fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; 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 W. Tonneson 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles W. Tonneson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Anthony R. Cocks Award by the Storm King Fire Engine Company No. 2; and be it further

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