

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING William Zell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. on April 1, 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 commend William Zell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., celebrated at its 83rd Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at the Pearl Street Bar and Grill in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Zell is receiving this distinguished award for his steadfast and unrelenting commitment to the Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Company and to his community; and

WHEREAS, Chartered in 1934, the Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization which provides fire protection, heavy rescue, and emergency medical services to one of nine fire protection districts in the Town of Hamburg, New York; the district, located in the northeastern corner of the town, is largely commercial/industrial with several residential communities; 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; William Zell is such a firefighter; 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 William Zell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 years of dedicated service to the Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. on April 1, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Zell.