

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter Richard Bush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department

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 Firefighter Richard Bush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Richard Bush joined the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department on May 6, 1957; shortly thereafter, he joined the firematics team, and competed with the Department until 1960; and

WHEREAS, Richard Bush was a vital member of the ladder company and worked as a cleaner in the old fire hall; in 1972, he was elected to the title of President, and eight years later, he became a participant of the budget committee and Board of Directors; in this capacity, he was instrumental in the purchase of the new fire hall; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, Richard Bush has served as the Truck Committee President, where he has been responsible for purchasing almost every truck in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his six decades of devoted service, Richard Bush has also been a member of the house committee, and chairman of many fundraisers helping the Department buy various pieces of equipment needed to fulfill its duty as a volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard Bush has always been available to lend a helping hand to his fellow firefighters and enjoys representing the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department in various parades; 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;

Richard Bush is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Firefighter Richard Bush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard Bush.