

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING David L. Patton posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Association on May 10, 2017

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

WHEREAS, 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, David L. Patton heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend David L. Patton posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Association to be celebrated at its Candlelight Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the Cronomer Valley Fire House in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 19, 1926, David L. Patton was the son of the late David and Olive Patton; and

WHEREAS, David L. Patton proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; after his discharge, he returned to New York where he worked as a mechanic for Gross Exxon in Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years, David L. Patton was a vital member of the Cronomer Valley Fire Department, where he served as chief from 1971-1972, and was also a member of the fire police; and

WHEREAS, David L. Patton, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; he has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent charm and wisdom which comes only from a fullness of years; and

WHEREAS, David L. Patton of Newburgh, died on February 27, 1927, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, first wife, Barbara Patton and three brothers, Donald, Howard and Norman Patton, David L. Patton is survived by his 2nd wife, Sue E. Patton; his two sons, Kevin (Kelly) and Robert

(Cynthia); three sisters, Virginia Gross, Genevieve Barclay and Ilene Siegman; four grandchildren, Warren, Wyeth, Zachary and Madeline Patton; and many nieces and nephews; as well as a legion of fellow firefighters and friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, David L. Patton touched many lives through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a courageous firefighter who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend David L. Patton posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Orange County Volunteer Fire Police Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of David L. Patton.