

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Firefighter Thomas Macaulay upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Massena Volunteer 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 Thomas Macaulay upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its annual banquet on Saturday, October 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tom" Macaulay has been a very valuable asset to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department since joining on November 20, 1967; and

WHEREAS, During his 50 years of service, Tom Macaulay has held the esteemed positions of Lieutenant, Captain, Chief, and Treasurer of the department; he was elected as Lieutenant of Hose Company 1, serving from April 1982 until March 1984; he was then designated into the role of Captain of Hose Company 1, serving from April 1984 until April 2000; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2001, Tom Macaulay was again elected as Captain of Hose Company 1, holding that position until he was elected 2nd Assistant Chief in April 2004; two years later, he was selected as 1st Assistant Chief which he held until he was elected Chief of the Massena Volunteer Fire Department in April of 2008, the position he held until April of 2010; and

WHEREAS, After he completed his duty as Chief, Tom Macaulay was elected Treasurer, the admired position he still holds today; furthermore, he was named Fireman of the Year in 1998 by his peers; 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, 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; Tom Macaulay is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Thomas Macaulay upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Thomas Macaulay.