

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter David M. Reynolds upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to the New Hartford 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 David M. Reynolds upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to the New Hartford Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Banquet on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at The Yahnundasis Golf Club, New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, David M. Reynolds joined the New Hartford Fire Department in March of 1967; throughout his more than 50 years of service, he has held several positions within the Department including: Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and Chief for 25 years; currently, he is the Director for the New Hartford Fire Department Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his service with the New Hartford Fire Department, David M. Reynolds is the President of the Oneida County Fire Chiefs Association and Chief of Utica's Engine 11 Foundation; 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; David M. Reynolds is such a firefighter; throughout his five decades 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 David M. Reynolds upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to

the New Hartford Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter David M. Reynolds.