

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter Robert Emlaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk 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 Robert Emlaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Robert Emlaw joined the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department in 1993, during which time he was named Rookie of the Year; throughout 25 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including Fire Commissioner, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire Police Officer and Chair of the annual auction Food Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his illustrious firefighting career, Robert Emlaw has been an employee of Canton-Potsdam Hospital for more than 30 years; 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; Robert Emlaw is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Robert Emlaw upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert Emlaw.