

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Firefighter Lewis A. Montello Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Corinth 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 Lewis A. Montello Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Old Timers Banquet on Saturday, April 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Lewis A. Montello Jr. has dedicated much of his life to volunteering for this esteemed firematic organization; he joined the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department on September 10, 1968, serving as 3rd Assistant Foreman, 1st Assistant Foreman and Foreman; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure with the Department, Lewis A. Montello Jr. climbed the ranks to serve as 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, Chief, Fire Warden and Trustee; 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; Lewis A. Montello Jr. 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 honor Firefighter Lewis A. Montello Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after 50 years of distinguished service to the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Firefighter Lewis A. Montello Jr.