

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING John Marks upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service as a volunteer firefighter

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 John Marks upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service as a volunteer firefighter, to be celebrated on April 21, 2018, at the Postage Inn, Tillson, New York; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Skip, John Marks joined the Kingston Union Hose Company No. 4 in August of 1967, where he served until joining the High Falls Fire Company in October of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious firefighting career, John Marks has served as fire safety officer, fire police, and as an apparatus driver; 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; John Marks 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 John Marks upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service as a volunteer firefighter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John Marks.