

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Lieutenant Allen J. Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Rome Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 Lieutenant Allen J. Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Rome Fire Department, to be celebrated with a party on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at the VFW Post No. 2246, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Allen J. Johnson joined the Rome Fire Department on February 2, 1996, and achieved the esteemed rank of Lieutenant on June 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, Allen J. Johnson was in charge in the Department's Color Guard, and served in every position within the Benevolent Association; he was also an EMT and a member of the HAZMAT team; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his profession and the community-at-large, Allen J. Johnson places flags on the graves of all deceased firemen in the local cemeteries for Memorial Day each year; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected individuals 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 is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Allen J. Johnson upon the occasion of his retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the Rome Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Allen J. Johnson.