

BY: Senator AKSHAR

PAYING tribute to the life and valiant service of
Firefighter John V. Scott who died on July 20, 2016

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant 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, Firefighter John V. Scott heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection for almost five decades; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved this day to record the passing of John V. Scott; while responding to an emergency call on July 20, 2016, he was fatally injured; his beloved wife, Karen, who enjoyed being in his company and shared his benevolent sense of duty, was with him in his final hours; and

WHEREAS, Born in Schenectady, New York, John V. Scott earned his degree from Mohawk Valley Community College; after graduating, he worked for General Electric in Utica, New York, and then moved to Endicott, New York, where he was a manager at IBM Owego and then at Lockheed Martin, a position from which he retired after 40 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who volunteer their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, John V. Scott volunteered his time and energies in service to his community; he and Karen served as co-Presidents of the Owego Kiwanis Club and he was a faithful congregant of Our Lady of Good Council Church in Endicott; and

WHEREAS, John V. Scott genuinely loved being a firefighter; he was a vital member and past Chief at Campville Fire Department for 46 years; in addition to his role at the Department, he held the title of Fire Commissioner for the Town of Owego, Deputy Coordinator, Fire Investigator, and since 1999, served as Tioga County Fire Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, John V. Scott also held the position of Chairman of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC) Annual Fire Conference and was a member of Tioga County Search & Rescue and Hazmat, and the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY); and

WHEREAS, Known as a father figure and mentor to his fellow

firefighters, John V. Scott loved to travel to Albany where he tirelessly served as an advocate on behalf of first responders, volunteers and firefighters throughout the Southern Tier, Pennsylvania and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2016, John V. Scott was recognized by the Tioga County Legislature for having the perfect temperament for being a firefighter; his calm demeanor and good nature made him an ideal role model for the younger firefighters, and his passion and zeal for putting out fires made him an exceptional leader; and

WHEREAS, Always available to assist his colleagues, John V. Scott brought his Hazmat team to Schyler County's NASCAR event and readily shared his extensive knowledge with his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Olive Scott Fazzone and John J. Scott, and son, John V. Scott Jr., John V. Scott is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen; his daughter, Denise; and several nieces and nephews; he is also survived by a legion of fellow firefighters and friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, John V. Scott's family feels truly blessed to have known and loved him; he was a devoted father and a beloved husband who dedicated his life to caring for his family; he will be remembered as a warm and caring friend who was always ready to lend a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his meritorious life, John V. Scott touched many through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of a courageous firefighter who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Firefighter John V. Scott who died on July 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter John V. Scott.