

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Firefighter Gerald S. Snyder upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Gerald S. Snyder upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Copenhagen, New York, Gerald S. Snyder is currently the Deputy Mayor of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Gerald S. Snyder joined the Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department in 1968; he is a past President, and presently, he serves as a Board of Director; he was also a Fire Police for five decades and is a retired Fort Drum Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary Anne McTurck Snyder, his three children, Melissa, Mark and Greg, and his five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Gerald S. Snyder 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 commend Firefighter Gerald S. Snyder for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

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

transmitted to Firefighter Gerald S. Snyder.