

BY: Senator LITTLE

COMMENDING Firefighter Richard "Dick" Sabin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Tupper Lake Fire Department on September 10, 2016

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 Richard "Dick" Sabin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Tupper Lake Fire Department, to be celebrated at a special dinner held in his honor on Saturday, September 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On September 10, 1956, Richard "Dick" Sabin joined the Tupper Lake Fire Department; throughout his six decade career with the Department, he has held numerous leadership positions including Lieutenant, Captain, President, 2nd and 1st Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Richard "Dick" Sabin held the esteemed title of Fire Chief for two terms and served as the County Deputy Coordinator for numerous years; this dedicated public servant was also the department delegate to the advisory board and a vital member of the County Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Always eager to perfect his skills and enhance his knowledge, Richard "Dick" Sabin successfully completed every class that the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) offered; and

WHEREAS, Since 1956, Richard "Dick" Sabin has been a steadfast and committed member of the Tupper Lake Fire Department, attending an average of 98 percent of the department calls, as well as all Department activities; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife Theresa "Tootsie", and his three treasured daughters, Laura, Donna, and Michelle, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; 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, 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;

Richard "Dick" Sabin is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Richard "Dick" Sabin for 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard "Dick" Sabin.