

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Michael Lewis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department

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 Michael Lewis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Michael Lewis joined the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department in 1976; throughout his 40 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including Vice President and President, as well as several line positions culminating with his four-year tenure as District Chief; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Michael Lewis served as the Fire Commissioner for 25 years, and for the last 21 years, he has held the position of Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Always ready to lend a helping hand, Michael Lewis has also been the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee for approximately 20 years; 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; Michael Lewis is such a firefighter; throughout 40 years of devoted service to the Lake View Fire Department, 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 Michael Lewis upon the occasion of his designation for special

recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Lake View Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Lewis.