

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Firefighter Robert Quackenbush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of service to the Cronomer Valley 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 Firefighter Robert Quackenbush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the Cronomer Valley Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York, on Saturday, February 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Throughout more than four decades of steadfast and unwavering service to the Cronomer Valley Fire Department, Robert Quackenbush has served in several capacities including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief and Chief; he has also served as the Department's training officer; and

WHEREAS, Robert Quackenbush is the proud recipient of the Cronomer Valley Fire Department Driver of the Year and Firefighter of the Year Awards; 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; Robert Quackenbush is such a firefighter; throughout 45 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 honor Firefighter Robert Quackenbush upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the Cronomer Valley Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert Quackenbush.