

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Ex-Chief Dominick DeRobertis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated 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 Ex-Chief Dominick DeRobertis 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, Dominick DeRobertis joined the Cronomer Fire Department in 1972; throughout his 45 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief; in 1980, he was elected to the title of Chief of the Department, a position he held for four years; and

WHEREAS, After leaving office, Dominick DeRobertis went on to serve on the board of Fire Commissioners for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Dominick DeRobertis has won many awards for his service, such as Firefighter of the Year in 1999, when he saved the life of a person by performing CPR; 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; Dominick DeRobertis 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 Ex-Chief Dominick DeRobertis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the Cronomer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Dominick DeRobertis.