

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Virginia Meyer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department on January 28, 2017

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 members of the ladies auxiliary exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their self-less dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Virginia Meyer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department, celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Magnanini Winery in Wallkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the ladies auxiliary of a volunteer fire company has been organized to assist and encourage the fire company in its good work; it is the aim of the ladies auxiliary to cultivate a spirit of harmony, to promote sociability and to sustain the esteem and admiration of the community in which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The Shawangunk Valley Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, for many years, has carried out these important functions in an exemplary manner, providing an invaluable service to the fire department and community; and

WHEREAS, For 55 years, Virginia Meyer has selflessly served and supported the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department by providing food and refreshments, as well as emotional support, to its members while on the scene of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Virginia Meyer serves as the Treasurer of the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Shawangunk Valley Fire Department members truly appreciate Virginia Meyer, knowing that when they are physically exhausted and emotionally drained, whether chilled to the bone or withering from the heat, they will be able to look up and see her standing there with a candy bar, sandwich or a cup of soup, and a warm smiling face; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting the firemen in the provision of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, For 55 years, whether at a family dinner or a holiday celebration, when the fire alarm has sounded, Virginia Meyer has selflessly left her home and job to help the firefighters in pursuit of their duty; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Virginia Meyer upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Virginia Meyer.