

**BY:** Senator VALESKY

**COMMEMORATING** the 175th Anniversary of the Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on April 1, 2017

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department and to honor its past and present firefighting members for 175th years of fire protection to the citizens of the Villages of Chittenango, the Towns of Sullivan and Fenner, and its surrounding communities to be celebrated on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at its Annual Firefighters Banquet; and

**WHEREAS,** Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 175 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of 175 years in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 175 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** The brave firefighters of Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 175 years; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commemorate the 175th Anniversary of Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on April 1, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Chittenango Volunteer Fire Department.