

Assembly Resolution No. 131

**BY:** M. of A. Kolb

**HONORING** Christina L. Bliek upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Firefighter of the Year by the Port Gibson 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 proud to honor Christina L. Bliek upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Firefighter of the Year by the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 70th Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Palmyra VFW Post No. 6778, Palmyra, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Christina L. Bliek joined the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department in 2014; throughout her three years of service, she has eagerly furthered her skill set; after finishing the basic course, she successfully completed the very difficult interior attack sequence and then the fire officer course; and

**WHEREAS,** Well-respected by her peers for her enthusiasm and her strong work ethic, Christina L. Bliek served as an officer on the truck side of the Department and as the head trustee on the business side; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to her duties as a firefighter, Christina L. Bliek became a vital member of the Ambulance Crew after earning her New York State Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); 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; Christina L. Bliek is such a firefighter; throughout three 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 Christina L. Bliek upon the occasion of her designation as the

2016 Firefighter of the Year by the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christina L. Bliek.