

Assembly Resolution No. 74

**BY:** M. of A. Errigo

**COMMENDING** William Halstead upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to Conesus Volunteer Fire Department on May 6, 2017

**WHEREAS,** The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is proud to commend William Halstead upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to Conesus Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 6, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Veteran William Halstead joined the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department in 1957 and served as Secretary Treasurer for the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners from 1984-1986; two years later, he became Commissioner, an esteemed position he holds to this day; and

**WHEREAS,** Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and often without the recognition they deserve, risking their lives daily to protect the lives and property of the residents of New York State; 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; William Halstead is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 commend Firefighter William Halstead for 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Halstead.