

Assembly Resolution No. 911

**BY:** M. of A. Stec

**COMMENDING** Firefighter Ronald E. Jackson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service to the Essex Fire Department on March 20, 2018

**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 Firefighter Ronald E. Jackson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service to the Essex Fire Department on Tuesday, March 20, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Ronald E. Jackson joined the Essex Fire Department on July 14, 1964; he is a second generation Firefighter, after his father, Gerald; his son, Craig is third generation, and his grandsons, Warren and Benjamin, are fourth generation; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2001, Ronald E. Jackson was a 9/11 responder to New York City at the World Trade Center, ground zero, in the days following the terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his 54 years of distinguished service, Ronald E. Jackson has held numerous positions including: Fire Lieutenant, EMS, Captain, Fire District Commissioner, Assistant Fire Chief, and Fire Chief; today, he still remains an extremely active member of the Essex Fire Department; 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,** 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; Ronald E. Jackson is such a firefighter; throughout 54 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 Ronald E. Jackson for 54 years of distinguished service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Ronald E. Jackson.