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COMMENDING Firefighter Robert C. Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Perkinsville 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 justly proud to commend Firefighter Robert C. Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Perkinsville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1892, the Perkinsville Fire Department is a volunteer department located on the Northwest corner of Steuben County 50 miles south of Rochester, New York; the Department serves the Town of Wayland with fire protection using one squad truck, one grass/brush truck, one pumper, one tanker and one ATV; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Hughes joined the Perkinsville Fire Department in 1968; throughout his 50 years of service, he has held several positions within the Department including Vice President and, for the past three terms, has been a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Robert C. Hughes was recognized as a life member, having served as an exterior firefighter and an apparatus driver; 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; Robert C. Hughes is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Robert C. Hughes upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Perkinsville Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert C. Hughes.