

BY: Senator ANTONACCI

COMMENDING Firefighter Roger Swayze upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Elbridge 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 justly proud to commend Firefighter Roger Swayze upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Elbridge, New York; and

WHEREAS, Roger Swayze joined the Elbridge Volunteer Fire Department on December 4, 1968; throughout his 50 years, he has held the esteemed ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Chief, and Company President; and

WHEREAS, Roger Swayze's wife, Joyce Swayze, supported her husband by assisting in many functions through her participation in the Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Joyce, with him throughout have been his three children, Dan, David, and Lisa, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Roger Swayze 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 Roger Swayze upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the

Elbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Elbridge, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Roger Swayze.