

**BY:** Senator JACOBS

**COMMENDING** Brittany Jewett upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Lake View 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 commend Brittany Jewett upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Lake View Fire Department; she was officially sworn in to this esteemed position at its 96th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Ever since she was a young child, Brittany Jewett has always wanted to be a firefighter; following in the footsteps of her forefathers, she grew up around the firehouse and was always available to lend a helping hand, whether it was cooking, cleaning or simply giving support to the people she called her second family; and

**WHEREAS,** This fifth-generation firefighter officially joined the Lake View Fire Department in January of 2009, and quickly rose through the ranks, holding the positions of Captain in 2012, and Assistant Chief in 2017; in recognition of her steadfast and unrelenting commitment to both the Department and her community, she was elected to the esteemed title of Chief in 2019, just like her father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather had been before; and

**WHEREAS,** In her new position, Chief Brittany Jewett is truly committed to not only providing the citizens of Lake View the finest in fire protection, Emergency Medical Services, rescue, and fire prevention, but also, serving as a positive role model for all young girls who dream of becoming firefighters some day; 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; Chief Brittany Jewett is one such firefighter; throughout 11 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 Brittany Jewett upon the occasion of being named the first female Chief of the Lake View Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Brittany Jewett.