

Assembly Resolution No. 865

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HONORING Chief Ronald V. Gatto upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Village of Frankfort 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 honor Chief Ronald V. Gatto upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Village of Frankfort Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A 1957 graduate of Frankfort-Schuyler High School, Ronald V. Gatto went on to proudly serve his country as a member the United States Army and the Army Reserves until 1968, achieving the rank of Army Staff Sergeant (E6); and

WHEREAS, Chief Ronald V. Gatto has held several leadership positions within the Village of Frankfort Fire Department, including numerous line officer positions and the Office of Fire Chief in 1986 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, An asset to his community, Chief Ronald V. Gatto also held countywide titles, including President of the Herkimer County Fireman's Association from 1996-1997; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ronald V. Gatto was presented with the Excellence in Service award in 2018, for his devotion and dedication to both his department and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald V. Gatto is the proud owner of one of Frankfort's oldest businesses, Ron's Service Station, which was established in 1963; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this extraordinary man donated his time to serve as a coach for Little League Baseball and Pop Warner Football; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Lucille, and their two sons, Ronald and Donald, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many 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; Ronald V. Gatto is one such 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 honor Chief Ronald V. Gatto upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Village of Frankfort Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Ronald V. Gatto.