

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter Richard Frank upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Massena 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 honor Firefighter Richard Frank upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Richard Frank received this auspicious award for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department at this year's Fire Prevention Week Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Richard Frank, affectionately known as Dick, joined the Massena Volunteer Fire Department in October of 1961; and

WHEREAS, Today, after six decades of tireless service, this extraordinary 86-year-old continues to respond to calls, directing traffic during fires; he is truly one of the most trusted volunteers in the Department; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his instrumental role in fighting countless local fires over the years, Firefighter Richard Frank is known as the jack-of-all-trades around the station, fixing numerous plumbing, electrical and heating issues; and

WHEREAS, The enthusiasm, devotion and camaraderie Richard Frank brings to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; 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;

Richard Frank is one such firefighter; throughout 60 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 Firefighter Richard Frank upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Massena Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard Frank.