

Senate Resolution No. 1708

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Ronald Knox upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2

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 Ronald Knox upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2 to be celebrated on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Pott's Banquet Hall in Cheektowaga, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of South Park High School, Ronald Knox proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army 127th Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Knox joined Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2 in 1972; throughout his 50 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including: Sergeant at Arms for 20 years and EMS Captain for 1 1/2 years; he was also a member of the Fire Police Squad, the Fire Prevention Committee, and the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2, he was the recipient of a Fireman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his volunteer work for the Company, Ronald Knox has held several positions as a driver with the **Buffalo News**, United States Postal Service and the New York State Thruway Authority; and

WHEREAS, When he is not working, Ronald Knox loves to be outdoors, especially on his boat, and enjoys spending time with his wife of 60 years, Pat, his children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; 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 Knox 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 Ronald Knox upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald Knox.