

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Dona Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Rensselaer Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dona Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Rensselaer Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, Dona Brown joined the Rensselaer Falls Volunteer and Rescue Department Ladies' Auxiliary in 1965; throughout her 55 years of service, she held several positions within the Auxiliary including: Chair of the Sunshine Fund, Treasurer, Chaplain, Assistant Chief, and Chief; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Dona Brown has been instrumental in the success of many of the organization's activities including its Christmas and Thanksgiving parties, turkey dinners and auctions; and

WHEREAS, Members of ladies' auxiliary groups from across the State of New York work tirelessly to provide support to our fire departments and to aid our volunteer firefighters in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dona Brown is deserving of the highest commendation of this Legislative Body for her commitment to the Rensselaer Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, as she has helped to advance the perception of her community as a caring and united community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dona Brown upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the Rensselaer Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dona Brown.