

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING Chief Rob Jacyna upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to the Johnson City Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 congratulate Chief Rob Jacyna upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to the Johnson City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Rob Jacyna began his life of public service in October of 1986, with the Johnson City Fire Department where he spent the next 12 years as a firefighter before taking on the additional responsibility as the department's master mechanic; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to Lieutenant in 1998, Rob Jacyna climbed the ranks to become Captain in 2004, during which time he presided over Group C for the next decade; in October of 2014, he received his final promotion, stepping up to fill the long-vacated rank of Chief of Department, the esteemed position from which he officially retired on Friday, February 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Fire Chief, Rob Jacyna ensured the safety of both his fellow firefighters and the community-at-large; under his able leadership, countless improvements were made, including the replacement of 30-year old Tower 26; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, new Engine 26-1 and an EMS response vehicle were purchased, all while maintaining adequate staffing and balancing an extremely tight budget to ensure the Village of Johnson City and the Hamlets of Westover and Fairmont Park continued to receive the same consistent, high level of response they have come to expect; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his profession, Chief Rob Jacyna also spent many years on the Executive Board of the Johnson City Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 921, where he was instrumental in helping its members survive some of the most tumultuous times in department history; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Chief Rob Jacyna rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Johnson City Fire Department, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters such as Chief Rob Jacyna unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; this extraordinary man's leadership and willingness to step up throughout his career has truly set an example to be emulated by all; and

WHEREAS, Chief Rob Jacyna is the epitome of the phrase "Living a Life of Service," as he spent more than half of his life protecting the community in which he was born and raised, and where he would later raise his own children; the Village and its Fire Department owe the Chief a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid, nor will his distinguished service ever be forgotten; 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 Rob Jacyna is such a firefighter; throughout 34 years of devoted service, this firefighter has 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 congratulate Chief Rob Jacyna upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 34 years of distinguished service to the Johnson City Fire Department, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Rob Jacyna.