

BY: Senator O'MARA

HONORING Ex-Chief William E. Scheidweiler, Sr.
upon the occasion of his designation for special
recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to
the Painted Post 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 William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Painted Post Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. joined the Painted Post Fire Department in 1961, and throughout his five decades of service, he has continually demonstrated a high knowledge and understanding of leadership, training, and educational roles with the department and his crews; and

WHEREAS, As a section officer, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. led teams during natural disasters such as the 1972 flood and 1993 blizzard, and helped organize various community activities and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated firefighter also served as the department's Secretary and Committee Chairman, keeping every document updated and organized, including State mandated guidelines and local policies; and

WHEREAS, As Fire Chief, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. once again showed high levels of leadership by coordinating disaster plans, commanding teams of firefighters through large-scale destructive fires and rescues, all while his department maintained a class four ISO Fire Insurance rating, which at the time was only seen in career departments; and

WHEREAS, Currently, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. is the Treasurer, and helps train new members and officers; he also teaches fire prevention to children and adults and to local Boy Scout troops and at local schools and churches; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 50 years with the Painted Post Fire Department, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. has always strived to hone his fire service skills by attending training programs and fire school, and obtained his EMT certificate even though the department never had an

ambulance; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his valuable work with the Painted Post Fire Department, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. has served his community as a Village Trustee and Deputy Mayor for many years; in this capacity, he tirelessly worked to make Painted Post a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. and his late wife, Meg, were active members of their church and while their children were in school, they volunteered their time and energy to the West High Marching Band, the Painted Post Little League, Corning area softball tournaments, and Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, In his much-deserved retirement from Dresser-Rand, William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. enjoys hunting, fishing, delivering Meals on Wheels, and above all, spending time with his beloved family, especially his grandchildren who bring him great joy; 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; William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. 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 Ex-Chief William E. Scheidweiler, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Painted Post Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief William E. Scheidweiler, Sr.