

Assembly Resolution No. 530

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HONORING Firefighter Joseph Clouse upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit 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 Joseph Clouse upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Clouse has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Main-Transit Fire Department for more than five decades, Joseph Clouse served in numerous capacities, including Director, Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain, as well as Benevolent Association Trustee and Officer; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Joseph Clouse also served on the Slo-Pokes Drill Team, as Chairman of the 1990 NYS Championship Parade Committee, and as a member of the department's bowling team; with a passion for music, especially jazz, he also repaired musical instruments for students of the Williamsville School District; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Edie, and two children, Jodie and Jimmy, as well as his beloved grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Joseph Clouse is such a firefighter; throughout 51 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 Joseph Clouse upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Joseph Clouse.