

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Fire Captain Gregory Baranowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 32 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department

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, 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 commend Fire Captain Gregory Baranowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 32 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Baranowski began his career of serving the Utica Community on December 9, 1991; he was promoted to Lieutenant on July 9, 2004, and then for his continued impressive work ethic he was promoted to Captain on June 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Residing in Utica, Fire Captain Gregory Baranowski's last day of Duty was on December 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; Gregory Baranowski is such a firefighter; throughout 32 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 commend Fire Captain Gregory Baranowski for 32 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Fire Captain Gregory Baranowski.