

Senate Resolution No. 1938

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Barry Blanchard upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after five years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of the Empire State and whose extraordinary achievements save the lives of their fellow citizens should be recognized because their efforts so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Barry Blanchard upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after five years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps which was celebrated at its 50th Anniversary Banquet at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Cazenovia, New York, on Saturday, March 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The unity of our State and Nation is built upon the compassion of those individuals within the State of New York who, in the course of their jobs, perform acts of heroic dimension and who epitomize the best of humanity; Barry Blanchard is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer ambulance corps members are an important part of the safety net of America's healthcare system; they provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1974 and currently based at 106 Nelson Street, Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps has been serving the greater Cazenovia community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year, for five decades; and

WHEREAS, This vital ambulance corps would not exist without individuals such as Barry Blanchard who sacrifice time spent with family and friends to put in countless hours to help a neighbor in need as well as those passing through; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Barry Blanchard has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Barry Blanchard has demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others; he is a tremendous asset to his Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Unit and a distinguished citizen of the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our unending gratitude and respect are owed to these devoted individuals whose responsibility is the preservation of life and who make that responsibility their own by serving their local ambulance corps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Barry Blanchard upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after five years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Barry Blanchard.