

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Firefighter Richard Williams upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Clayville 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 Firefighter Richard Williams upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Clayville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, 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, Throughout his tenure of service, Richard "Dick" Williams has continually demonstrated a high knowledge and understanding of leadership, teamwork, responsiveness, and care for his community; and

WHEREAS, Over his extensive career of volunteer fire service, Richard Williams has served the Village of Clayville, Sauquoit Valley, and the Town of Paris, and has also served in the Oneida County Fire Police Association; 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; Richard Williams is one such firefighter; throughout 60 years of devoted service, he 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 Firefighter Richard Williams for 60 years of distinguished service to Clayville Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard Williams.