

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Firefighter Terry Austin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to New Woodstock Fire Department in Madison County, New York

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 Terry Austin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to New Woodstock Fire Department, to be celebrated on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the fire department's Annual Installation Banquet, to be held at the Cazenovia Country Club in Cazenovia, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his fire company, Terry Austin has served for more than 20 years as a Chief and has held a myriad of offices within the New Woodstock Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating an unparalleled devotion to the welfare and safety of the New Woodstock community, Terry Austin has most recently served as 2nd Assistant Chief and President of the department; 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, a transportation accident, a natural disaster, an act of terrorism, a medical crisis, or a 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; Terry Austin is such a 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 Firefighter Terry Austin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to New Woodstock Fire Department in Madison County, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Terry Austin.