

Assembly Resolution No. 887

**BY:** M. of A. McMahon

**COMMENDING** Volunteer Firefighter Warren Holmes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company

**WHEREAS,** Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; 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,** 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,** This Legislative Body is proud to commend Volunteer Firefighter Warren Holmes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company; this momentous occasion will be celebrated at the Annual Installation of Officers banquet on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Reikart Ballroom in Amherst, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Warren Holmes joined the North Bailey Fire Company on April 15, 1974, and is a Past Chief, serving from 1984 to 1988; he also served as President of the Company from 2006 to 2014; 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,** 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; Warren Holmes 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 commend Volunteer Firefighter Warren Holmes for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Warren Holmes.