

**BY:** Senator STEC

**HONORING** Firefighter Jim Gavin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Constable Volunteer Fire Department

**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 Jim Gavin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Constable Volunteer Fire Department; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his exemplary tenure, Jim Gavin has used his deep wisdom and ambitious vision to support the department in various capacities, and he held numerous leadership positions, including 19 years as president, two years as assistant chief, five years as vice president, and three years as director; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim Gavin's leadership has been instrumental in advancing the department's capabilities, fostering a culture of excellence, and ensuring the highest standards of emergency response; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim Gavin's 40 years of service represent countless hours of emergency response, training, planning, and community outreach; 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, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or 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; Jim Gavin is such a firefighter; throughout 40 years of dedicated service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim Gavin's unwavering commitment to public safety has made an indelible impact on the Constable Volunteer Fire Department and the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter Jim Gavin upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Constable Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Jim Gavin.