Assembly Resolution No. 867

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HONORING John S. Wood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John S. Wood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the department's annual banquet and awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John S. Wood has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the service; and

WHEREAS, John S. Wood began his service to the Southport Fire Department on October 1, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Through his decades of service to the Southport Fire Department, John S. Wood has been an active leader in fundraising, served as the Company Vice President, and was named a lifetime member for his commitment; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected heroes 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; John S. Wood is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, he has 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 John S. Wood upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John S. Wood.