

Assembly Resolution No. 881

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HONORING Firefighter Paul Fecher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit 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 Paul Fecher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department, to be celebrated in 2026; and

WHEREAS, On August 4, 1975, Paul Fecher made the courageous decision to serve his local community by joining the Main-Transit Fire Department; and

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

WHEREAS, In high school, Paul Fecher moved from Buffalo, New York, to Williamsville, New York, where he has continued to live, and started a family with his beloved wife, Kim; and

WHEREAS, Together, Paul Fecher and Kim had the pleasure of raising their son, Aric, and twins, Melissa and Jennifer; they also have four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Filled with the same sense of duty as their father, Melissa and Jennifer are both former firefighters at the Main-Transit Fire Department, and Jennifer has continued fire service with the Clarence Center Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Outside of his commitment as a volunteer firefighter, Paul Fecher spent the majority of his career working at Harrison Radiator in Lockport, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the Main-Transit Fire Department, Paul Fecher was a member of the drill team when it was reinstated in the mid-1970s, and he assisted the department in special roles such as fire police lieutenant and fire police captain; 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; Paul Fecher 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 Paul Fecher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Paul Fecher.