

BY: Senator AMEDORE

MOURNING the death of John A. Nuzback, former Fire Chief, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John A. Nuzback on Saturday, July 22, 2017, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Schenectady, New York, John A. Nuzback graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in 1968, before honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service in 1971, John A. Nuzback was employed at Ellis Hospital and later with Schenectady and Mohawk Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, John A. Nuzback began his exemplary firefighting career with Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL); after 25 years of valuable service, he retired in 2005 with the esteemed rank of Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from KAPL, John A. Nuzback served as the Schenectady County Fire Coordinator, retiring in 2015 to take on the role of Chief Deputy of the Schenectady County Fire Investigation Team; he is credited with more than doubling the team of fire investigators; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John A. Nuzback was a New York State EMT instructor for 26 years and trained countless people in basic and recertification courses; he was also a DJ at weddings and other events; and

WHEREAS, For three decades, John A. Nuzback served the Carman Fire Department in several capacities including life member, chief, and fire commissioner; and

WHEREAS, John A. Nuzback distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he was the Chief Investigator of the Schenectady County Fire Investigation Team, as well as a member of the Capital District Fire Investigators Association, International Association of Fire Investigators, New York State Association of Fire Investigators, New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Rotterdam EMS, and Rotterdam Elks; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, John A. Nuzback was instrumental in combining White Eagle and Rotterdam Ambulance into Rotterdam EMS, and keeping this vital organization in the Town of Rotterdam; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for firefighting, John A. Nuzback took great

pride in his state and national certification as a Fire Investigator; he had a truly humble spirit and loved nothing more than spending time with his family and friends; 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 A. Nuzback was such a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years of devoted service, John A. Nuzback heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, John S. Nuzback and Mary Farrell Nuzback; his brother, Thomas P. Nuzback; and his father and mother-in-law, Gerald and Alice Stone, John A. Nuzback is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Stone Nuzback; three children, Kristen (Brian) Shoemaker, Amy Nuzback and John (Lynn) Nuzback; four grandchildren, John Jr. "JJ" and Reagan Nuzback and Brady and Kyle Shoemaker; brother, Joseph Nuzback; sisters, Maureen (Don) Bekkering and Anne-Pat Nuzback; and brothers-in-law, Bill (Cheryl) Stone and Bob (Ellen) Stone; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John A. Nuzback leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of John A. Nuzback, former Fire Chief, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John A. Nuzback.