

BY: Senator BONACIC

HONORING Kathy A. Miller upon the occasion of completing her service as the First Female Chief of the Shawangunk Valley 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 Kathy A. Miller upon the occasion of completing her service as the First Female Chief of the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department, to be celebrated with a Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Magnanini Winery, Wallkill, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 13, 1964, Kathy A. Miller graduated from Wallkill Senior High School before joining the United States Army Reserves where she served as a combat medic; and

WHEREAS, Kathy and James Miller were united in marriage on May 15, 1983, and together they raised two children; and

WHEREAS, Kathy A. Miller has led the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department as its First Female Chief for four years; she will remain as an EMT with the Fire Company Ambulance; in addition, she has served her community as a Postal Carrier for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoor enthusiast, Kathy A. Miller enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, James, and their two children, James and Megan, as well as four grandchildren, James, Grady, Vann and Declan, who have all shown her love and support and rejoice in her many achievements; 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; Kathy A. Miller is such a firefighter; throughout her many 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 Kathy A. Miller upon the occasion of completing her service as the First Female Chief of the Shawangunk Valley Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathy A. Miller.