

BY: Senator ROBACH

HONORING Firefighter Thomas Piazza upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Greece 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 Thomas Piazza upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Greece Fire Department, to be celebrated with a Banquet on Saturday, April 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Piazza joined the North Greece Fire Department on December 10, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure with the North Greece Fire Department, Thomas Piazza served as Fire Chief from 1986 to 1991, and as a line officer for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Piazza has chaired and served on numerous committees, and continues to be one of the Department's most active members, regularly responding to emergencies, drills, meetings and functions; 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; Thomas Piazza 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 Thomas Piazza upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North

Greece Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Thomas Piazza.