

**BY:** Senator LITTLE

**HONORING** Anthony Cantanucci upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019

**WHEREAS,** Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony Cantanucci upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Older New Yorker's Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in The Egg, Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Anthony Cantanucci has served with the Speigletown Volunteer Fire Company and as a member of the New York State Guard; commendably, at the age of 70, he trained as a Certified First Responder, then upgraded to an Emergency Medical Technician for the West Fort Ann Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Cantanucci also trained in High Angle Rescue, Swift Water Rescues, and is a Certified Scuba Diver; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, Anthony Cantanucci serves as Fire Police Captain and a Class C Firefighter with the West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Department; he is also an Honor Guard, Color Guard, and an Adjutant with the American Legion Post No. 703; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Anthony Cantanucci is a member of the Fort Ann EMS Rescue Squad, Washington County Fire Police, the New York State Fire Police Association, Queen Anne Senior Citizens Club, Senior Center of Kingsbury/Fort Edward, and the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary man has also given of his time and energies to the Corner Stone Church Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church, and the Fort Ann Historical Society, where he was instrumental in the completion and publishing of the book, **Fort Ann: 300 Years of**

**History; and**

**WHEREAS,** Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Anthony Cantanucci has displayed throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** Anthony Cantanucci, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Cantanucci upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 21, 2019; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Cantanucci.