

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Chief Lawrence LaValley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bangor 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 Chief Lawrence LaValley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bangor Fire Department to be celebrated at their Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence LaValley joined the North Bangor Fire Department in September of 1969; throughout his five decades of service, he has held several positions within the Department including: 2nd Assistant Chief, 3rd Assistant Chief, and Chief; this multifaceted man has also served as a Met, an EMT, Safety Officer, and Vice President, a position he still holds, as well as a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lawrence LaValley has been instrumental in organizing both the truck committee and the building committee, responsible for the firehouse used today; and

WHEREAS, Proud of his service to his community, at 78 years old, Chief Lawrence LaValley continues to be very active within the North Bangor Fire Department and remains one of its top five responders; 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; Lawrence LaValley is one such 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 Chief Lawrence LaValley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bangor Fire Department, and to wish him well in his future volunteer efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Lawrence LaValley.