

**BY:** Senator BORRELLO

**HONORING** Firefighter Peter W. Presutti, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 70 years of dedicated service to the Belmont Fire Company

**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 Peter W. Presutti, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 70 years of dedicated service to the Belmont Fire Company, celebrated at the Allegany County Volunteer Firemen's Association's 104th Annual Convention on Wednesday, July 10, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on September 18, 1923, to Frank and Nancy (Defore) Presutti, Peter W. Presutti, Sr. graduated from Belmont Central School in 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, A lifelong resident of Belmont, New York, Peter W. Presutti, Sr. joined Belmont Fire Company on February 20, 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, One year later on June 18, 1949, Rosamonde and Peter W. Presutti, Sr. were united in marriage and together they raised four children; and

**WHEREAS**, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Peter W. Presutti, Sr. is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he helped maintain cemetery records and the grounds maintenance of the cemetery; he is also renowned for his willingness to help others and his famous family barbeques; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his late wife, with him throughout have been his four children, Judith (John), Joanie, Peter Jr. and the late William, as well as five grandchildren and one great-grandson, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his 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;

Peter W. Presutti, Sr. is one such firefighter; throughout 70 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 Peter W. Presutti, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 70 years of dedicated service to the Belmont Fire Company; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Peter W. Presutti, Sr.