

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**COMMENDING** Firefighter Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department

**WHEREAS,** Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

**WHEREAS,** 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 commend Firefighter Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet at Southport Fire Station on Saturday, February 16, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. joined the Southport Fire Department in April 2, 1968; throughout his 50 years of service, he has held several positions within the Department including: Assistant Chief, Fire Marshall, and one of the first fire investigators to be appointed by Chemung County; and

**WHEREAS,** This extraordinary firefighter furthered his career as an Insurance Fire Investigator in the private sector, throughout New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** As a small business owner in Southport, Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. spent numerous hours away from his workplace, selflessly responding to his duties as a firefighter; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; they 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; Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, he 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 commend Firefighter Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr. upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Southport Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert C. Rodabaugh, Sr.