

Senate Resolution No. 1991

**BY:** Senator RATH

**HONORING** Firefighter Earl Zimmerman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Snyder 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 Earl Zimmerman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Snyder Fire Department of Amherst, New York; this milestone will be celebrated on Sunday, March 6, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Firefighter Earl "Bud" Zimmerman has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his illustrious career which has traversed five decades, Earl Zimmerman has held several positions within the department, including Junior Captain, Lieutenant, Captain, Second Assistant Chief, and Director; he has also served as a Fire District Commissioner since 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl Zimmerman's passion has always been his family; he is married with four adult children and several grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently working part-time for the Town of Amherst Highway Department, Earl Zimmerman recently retired from full-time employment; 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; Earl Zimmerman is one such firefighter; throughout his 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 Earl Zimmerman upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Snyder Fire Department; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Earl Zimmerman.