

Senate Resolution No. 1993

**BY:** Senator RATH

**HONORING** Firefighter Terry Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of service to the North Bailey 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 Terry Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the Ellicott Creek Banquet Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry Sykes has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, An active member of the North Bailey Fire Company from 2015 through 2017, Terry Sykes was a longtime member of the North Bailey Fire Company drill team, softball and bowling teams, and continues to attend many fire and emergency medical service calls, training drills, and fire prevention details; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry Sykes, over the last several years, held the honor of being in the company's top ten 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; Terry Sykes is such a 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 Terry Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North

Bailey Fire Company; and be it further

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