

BY: Senator AKSHAR

COMMENDING Past Chief Richard Trebilcock upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 70 years of dedicated service to the Chenango 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 proud to commend Past Chief Richard Trebilcock upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 70 years of dedicated service to the Chenango Fire Company; 68 of which he served as an active firefighter; and

WHEREAS, On January 15, 1951, at the young age of 18, Richard Trebilcock joined the Hinman's Corners Fire Company, which was renamed the Chenango Fire Company Inc. in 1985; today, he is the longest tenured member in company history; and

WHEREAS, For over seven decades, Richard Trebilcock has enthusiastically responded to fires, accidents, storm damage, ambulance calls and other emergencies within his community; and

WHEREAS, Richard Trebilcock rarely slows down, answering 141 calls in 2015; furthermore, he has a true passion for driving fire trucks and leading the Fire Police; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 70 years of service, Richard Trebilcock has held several positions within the Department, including Chief of Department, President and as a member of the Board of Directors; he served in various officer roles for over 56 years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Trebilcock has also received many service awards and accolades throughout his years of skillful leadership, including the Firefighter of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his extraordinary service as a firefighter, Richard Trebilcock spent many years volunteering with the Chenango Ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they

serve; 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; Richard Trebilcock 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 commend Past Chief Richard Trebilcock for more than 70 years of distinguished service to the Chenango Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Past Chief Richard Trebilcock.