Senate Resolution No. 721

BY: Senator WALCZYK

HONORING Firefighter Leo Walters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer 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 Leo Walters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at an Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Leo Walters joined the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department in July of 1972; throughout his 50 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including fire inspector, was Assistant Chief for multiple years, and is currently a driver of emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Leo Walters has taken part in many parades and used to be a member of the Lowville Drill Team in the 1980s; he has always been is a dedicated and active member, rushing to the scene of a military jet crash in the Town of Watson early in his career, and devoting his time and energies to help convert a supermarket into the current Fire Hall; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Firefighter Leo Walters is the first member of the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department to be a resident outside of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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; Leo Walters is one such firefighter; throughout 50 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 Leo Walters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Leo Walters.