Assembly Resolution No. 2425

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HONORING Firefighter Robert "Rocky" Stewart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department on May 11, 2024

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 Robert "Rocky" Stewart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department, celebrated on May 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Rocky" Stewart has proudly served the residents of Latham and Colonie, New York, as a member of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department since May 11, 1964; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Rocky" Stewart has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department, Robert "Rocky" Stewart has served on various committees and held offices throughout the department during his tenure; he currently serves as the Board of Director for the Civil Officers; 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; Robert "Rocky" Stewart is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Robert "Rocky" Stewart upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service

to the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert "Rocky" Stewart.