

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**HONORING** Firefighter Arthur Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Horseheads 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 Arthur Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Horseheads Fire Department to be celebrated on Wednesday, August 25, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Arthur Sullivan has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in volunteer service; 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,** Located in the Finger Lakes Region of Central New York, the Horseheads Fire Department provides fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to approximately 6,400 residents of the Village of Horseheads and has long stood as a cornerstone of public safety within the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Since its organization in July of 1873, more than 1,136 men and women have served the citizens of Horseheads and neighboring towns and villages through the Horseheads Fire Department, establishing a proud tradition of service, sacrifice, and dedication that continues to this day; and

**WHEREAS,** The members of the Horseheads Fire Department work in close cooperation with the Horseheads Police Department and other emergency service agencies to protect life and property and to provide the highest level of emergency response to the residents of the Village of Horseheads; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout its distinguished history, the Horseheads Fire Department has remained steadfast in its mission to safeguard the

community, and its members take great pride in serving the residents of this fine village; 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; Arthur Sullivan is such a firefighter; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout 50 years of devoted service, Arthur Sullivan has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

**WHEREAS,** Unlike many long-serving members who remain on the department's membership rolls, Arthur Sullivan continues to actively respond to emergency calls and fires, demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to the residents of Horseheads and serving as an inspiring example to current and future generations of volunteer firefighters; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter Arthur Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Horseheads Fire Department; and be it further

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