Senate Resolution No. 363

BY: Senator STEC

HONORING Firefighter Mark Bomyea upon the occasion of his designation as 2024 Firefighter of the Year by the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 Mark Bomyea upon the occasion of his designation as 2024 Firefighter of the Year by the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the association's January meeting; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected individuals 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, Justly deserving of this esteemed accolade, Firefighter Mark Bomyea has been honorably serving the Rensselaer Falls Fire Department for the past 31 years; over the years, he has served as Chief, 1st Assistant Chief, 2nd Assistant Chief, Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Trustee, Fire Police and Training Officer, and has served as an EMT for Rensselaer Falls Rescue Squad; he was instrumental in starting the department's First Responder Program in 1989, serving as one of the first EMTs; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed honoree, Firefighter Mark Bomyea, belongs to the St. Lawrence County Haz-Mat Team, Fire Advisory Board, Believe NNY, St. Lawrence County Fire Training Center, and is also a New York State Certified Fire Service Instructor; he formerly belonged to the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs as President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Director, and is currently a member; he was also an American Heart Association CPR/First Aid Instructor; 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; Mark Bomyea is one such firefighter; throughout his 31 years of devoted service, he heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection, justly receiving the esteemed designation of Firefighter of the Year in the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Firefighter Mark Bomyea upon the occasion of his designation as 2024 Firefighter of the Year by the St. Lawrence County Fire Chiefs Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Mark Bomyea.