

Assembly Resolution No. 1017

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CONGRATULATING Philip Gibson upon the occasion of his retirement after 65 years of service to the Morristown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of the residents of Morristown, New York, and its surrounding communities are dependent upon the selfless dedication of volunteer first responders; and

WHEREAS, Philip "Hoot" Gibson joined the Morristown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department in 1960, embarking on a journey of service that has spanned six and a half decades, a milestone achieved by only an elite few in the history of the fire service; and

WHEREAS, For 65 years, Philip Gibson has remained an active and vital pillar of the Department, answering the call at all hours of the day and night, through North Country winters and summer heat alike, putting the lives and property of his neighbors above his own comfort; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Philip Gibson has witnessed and adapted to the evolution of firefighting, from the transition of vintage apparatus to modern technology, all while maintaining the timeless values of courage, integrity, and brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Philip Gibson has served not only as a first responder but also as a mentor, a repository of departmental history, and a steady hand for generations of younger firefighters who have looked to him as the embodiment of what it means to be a "volunteer"; and

WHEREAS, Philip Gibson's nickname, "Hoot," has become synonymous with reliability and community spirit throughout Morristown and the greater St. Lawrence County emergency service circles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the community of Morristown, the Morristown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, and a grateful public do hereby extend their deepest gratitude and highest honors to Philip "Hoot" Gibson for 65 years of continuous, active service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution be permanently recorded in the annals of the Department as a testament to a lifetime of sacrifice and that we celebrate Philip "Hoot" Gibson as a true North Country hero whose legacy will inspire future volunteers for generations to come.