Assembly Resolution No. 1151

BY: M. of A. Bailey

COMMENDING Firefighter Edwin Sparks Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, The volunteer firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous field of fire protection and prevention; 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Edwin Sparks Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at the fire department banquet at the Conesus American Legion on Saturday, May 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Sparks Sr. was born on April 12, 1938, in Rochester, New York; he graduated from Livonia Central School and joined the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department in 1956 at the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department, Edwin Sparks Sr. has served in various capacities, including as fire chief from 1972-1977 and again from 1982-1987; Edwin Sparks Sr. also served as commissioner for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the fire department, Edwin Sparks Sr. pursued a career in carpentry; after many years of hard work and manual labor, he retired in June of 2000; since then, Edwin Sparks Sr. enjoys hunting, target shooting, and watching the Buffalo Bills; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marie; children, Rhea, Edwin Jr., and Robert; grandchildren, Joshua and Brendan; and great-grandchild, Ryland, all of whom have felt privileged to be a part of his fruitful life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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; Edwin Sparks Sr. is one such firefighter; throughout 70 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 commend Firefighter Edwin Sparks Sr. for 70 years of distinguished

service to the Conesus Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Edwin Sparks Sr.