

Assembly Resolution No. 1192

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HONORING William "Whitey" Brown upon the occasion of his 65 years of distinguished service to the Waterville Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens whose unselfish service and enduring commitment to their communities exemplify the highest standards of civic virtue; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William "Whitey" Brown upon the occasion of his remarkable 65 years of dedicated service to the Waterville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, William "Whitey" Brown, affectionately known as "Whitey" by all who know him, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of the residents of the Village of Waterville, New York, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, William Brown joined the Waterville Fire Department on April 3, 1961, embarking on a lifetime of courageous and selfless service that has spanned more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his exemplary tenure, William Brown has served in numerous leadership roles, including as deputy chief for several years and as fire chief from 1982 to 1985, guiding the department with integrity, experience, and a steadfast dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, Now at 88 years of age, William Brown remains an active and vital member of the Waterville Fire Department, continuing to answer the call to serve; it is said that when the fire siren sounds during the day, he is often among the first to respond, embodying the very spirit of volunteerism and bravery; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his fire service, William Brown honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve, further demonstrating his lifelong commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, A hardworking and respected member of his community, William Brown spent his professional career as an auto mechanic for various car dealerships, and upon his retirement, continued his public service as the code enforcement officer for the Village of Waterville for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Central to William Brown's life has been his deep devotion to his family; he has shared a lifetime of love and partnership with his wife, Doris, and is the proud father of two children, Jimmy and Debbie, as well as a cherished grandfather; and

WHEREAS, The character and accomplishments of William "Whitey" Brown

stand as a testament to the enduring strength of community, the importance of volunteer service, and the profound impact one individual can have over a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor William "Whitey" Brown for his 65 years of dedicated service to the Waterville Fire Department, and to commend him for his extraordinary contributions to his community, his State, and his Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William "Whitey" Brown.