Assembly Resolution No. 880

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HONORING Firefighter James Saxer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit 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 Firefighter James Saxer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department, to be celebrated in 2026; and

WHEREAS, On August 4, 1975, James Saxer made the courageous decision to serve his local community by joining the Main-Transit Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, James Saxer has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Williamsville, New York, James Saxer and his beloved wife, Karen, had the pleasure of raising their two children, Kristin and Scott; filled with the same sense of duty as their father, Kristin is a member of the Main-Transit Auxiliary and Scott is a life member and past president of the Main-Transit Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Outside of his commitment as a volunteer firefighter, James Saxer spent the majority of his career working at Tony Martin Awards; around his community, James Saxer enjoys coaching youth basketball, baseball, and softball; and

WHEREAS, James Saxer has served the Main-Transit Fire Department in various capacities, including as fire lieutenant, captain, financial secretary, vice president, director, line clerk, benevolent association trustee, manager of the banquet facility, and, most recently, fire police captain; and

WHEREAS, James Saxer assisted in establishing the Main-Transit Fire Department Explorer Post, which is now the Juniors Program; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his official positions, James Saxer has also served on and chaired numerous committees, including the committees on

Fire Station Renovations, Membership, Annual Installation, State and Local Tournament, Truck Replacement, Activities, By-Laws, and Explorer Post Senior Advisor; and

WHEREAS, James Saxer was also a member of the Slo-Pokes Drill Team when it was reinstated in the mid-1970s, and he was previously a member of the Main-Transit Fire Department bowling team and softball team; and

WHEREAS, For the past 45 years, James Saxer has remained as one of Main-Transit Fire Department's top three shift call responders; for two of those years, he has made 100% of 3rd shift calls; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his hard work and dedication, James Saxer is a recipient of the George Karl Lifetime Achievement Award; 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, 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; James Saxer is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 honor Firefighter James Saxer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Main-Transit Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter James Saxer.