

## 2013-J789

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James A. Strauss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as one of the founding members of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department

WHEREAS, The 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, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the volunteer firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James A. Strauss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as one of the founding members of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, James A. Strauss joined the Grand View Heights Fire Department on November 1, 1953; during his tenure with the Department he served as its President; and

WHEREAS, Instrumental in the founding of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department in 1978, James A. Strauss has served as Chaplin since the inception of the Department; he also served as its Treasurer for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department for over 59 years, James A. Strauss is also a member of the Fire Police; and

WHEREAS, James A. Strauss has provided invaluable counsel, guidance and support for generations of Fire Chiefs, line officers, firefighters and Fire District commissioners; he has been influential in the recruitment of new volunteers, as well as in enhancing the morale of Department members and their families; and

WHEREAS, As one of the most beloved members of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department, James A. Strauss is always there for those who need him whether providing guidance to officers, advice to fellow members, or a smile and a kind word for someone in need; and

WHEREAS, James A. Strauss is the father of two sons, Timothy and

James, and has three beloved grandchildren and four great grandchildren;  
and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activities of great benefit and importance to the communities they serve; 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

A. Strauss is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 James A. Strauss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as one of the founding members of the Greece Lake Shore Fire Department; and be it further

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