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Senate Resolution No. 1994

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING John Baker upon the occasion of his  
designation for special recognition after 50 years  
of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire  
Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by, and  
indebted to, our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery  
every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 John Baker  
upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50  
years of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, John Baker has consistently demonstrated a level of  
commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly  
exemplifies excellence in the firefighting service; and

WHEREAS, A member of the West Winfield Fire Department since  
November of 1974, John Baker has served to protect his community from  
the hazards to life and property as a tanker driver, pump operator, and

ambulance driver; he has also served as a Trustee for the department's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected men and women 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; John Baker is such a firefighter; throughout his 50 years of devoted service, he 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 John Baker upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Winfield Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Baker.