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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Gail Woodhouse upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Gail Woodhouse as he is honored by the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in recognition and appreciation of his 50 years of dedicated service to the department and his community; 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, The nearly 200 year old Lowville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., located in the County of Lewis, Village of Lowville was organized as a village fire department in 1829 and protects a wide span from Montague to Watson, New York; and

WHEREAS, Based in Lowville, the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department's 80 volunteer firefighters answer calls in Lowville, Watson, Harrisburg, Montague and many surrounding areas as needed and continuously prepare themselves and their equipment to respond to a wide range of incidents; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department, its officers and auxiliary work assiduously for the protection and betterment of their community; 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; Gail Woodhouse is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, he has 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 Gail Woodhouse for 50 years of distinguished service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gail Woodhouse.