

## 2009-K1203

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Darrell Williams upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Fireman of the Year Award from the St. Lawrence County Chiefs' Association

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Firefighter Darrell Williams of the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Fireman of the Year Award from the St. Lawrence County Chiefs' Association; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department will pay tribute to Darrell Williams for this most prestigious achievement at its annual Testimonial Dinner to be held at the Hannawa Falls Hounds Haven on Saturday, April 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Williams proudly joined the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department when it was first organized in the 1960s and is one of the few remaining charter members who still plays an active role in the Department; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary leader who has devoted his life to fire service, Darrell Williams has served the Hannawa Falls Volunteer Fire Department in various leadership positions including: Third Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief and Chief; and

WHEREAS, Today, Darrell Williams continues to respond to all calls and

even tries to achieve a faster response time than newer members; he has even set up a new training system for all the Department's young recruits just entering fire service; he takes and arranges a training date with each and every new member to educate them and help them get acquainted with the many new pieces of equipment and vehicles that they will use; and

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, 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; Darrell Williams 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 commend Firefighter Darrell Williams upon the occasion of receiving the 2009 Fireman of the Year Award from the St. Lawrence County Chiefs' Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Darrell Williams.