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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Harold Richard Hoyt upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Rockhill 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 Harold Richard Hoyt upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Rockhill Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, May 15, 2010; and WHEREAS, This special event is the Rockhill Volunteer Fire Department's 54th Annual Installation Dinner and Dance which will be held at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant; and

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, 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, With him throughout have been his wife, Wilma, and their children Ricky, Michael, and Kathy Jo, along with their grandchildren, Rachel, Alyssa, Ryan, Brittany, and Michaele Ann, as well as their great-grandson, Jax, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Harold Hoyt 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, there-

fore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Harold Richard Hoyt for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Harold Richard Hoyt.