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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert J. Beckwith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Wellsburg 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 commend the Firefighter Robert J. Beckwith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Wellsburg Fire Department; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a dinner to be held in his honor on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Department's fire station; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert J. Beckwith commenced his career with the Wellsburg Fire Department in March 1960; he served as Chief of the Department for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, An electrician by trade, Firefighter Robert J. Beckwith also served in the United States Air Force; 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; Robert J. Beckwith is such a firefighter; throughout his many 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 Robert J. Beckwith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Wellsburg Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert J. Beckwith.