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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert McKinney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lake George 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 Robert McKinney upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated with a dinner on Friday, November 4, 2011, at the Holiday Inn in Lake George, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Robert McKinney joined the West Glens Falls Volunteer Fire Company; five years later, he moved to Lake George and the following year, 1963, he became a member of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Robert McKinney was a member for one year before leaving in 1964; he rejoined the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department again in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, Firefighter Robert McKinney has served the Department in numerous capacities; in 1974, he held the esteemed position of Lieutenant before advancing to 2nd Assistant Chief in 1978, a position he held until 1980; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a member of the Board of Directors for many years as well as a member of several other committees; moreover, he was elected Secretary by the Department, serving for four consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Firefighter Robert McKinney is Fire Police and Chaplain of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his service to the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department, in 1989, Robert McKinney was elected President of the Hudson

Valley Fireman's Association, and in 1997, he was elected Trustee of the FASNY Firemen's Home, a position he held for 10 years; and WHEREAS, Robert McKinney has been honored and recognized with a variety of awards and accolades including the 1982 Phil Wood Award by the Lake George Fire Department for his outstanding service and community involvement; the 1991 Citizen of the Year Award by the Village of Lake George; and the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 56 years, Marie, who is a life member of the Lake George Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary, and their six children, Joan (Steve) Sady, the late Lynn McKinney, Thomas (Kim) McKinney, Donna (Brian) Engle, Patty (fiance George) McKinney, and Barbara (Chris) McGuirk, as well as 11 grandchildren, Christopher (Penny), Barry-Michael, Tommy, Jr., Anna (Bill), Bryanna, Jessica, Kyle, Kory, Christopher, Jonathan, and Jacob, and four great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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

McKinney 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 Robert McKinney for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert McKinney, Lake George, New York.