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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Glenn W. Cooper upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Southport 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 Glenn W. Cooper upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Southport Fire Department to be celebrated at a banquet on Saturday, February 16, 2013; and WHEREAS, Glenn W. Cooper joined the Southport Fire Department on September 4, 1962; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Glenn W. Cooper served as a Fire Instructor in Chemung County for 23 years, before retiring on December 30, 2002; 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; Glenn W. Cooper 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 Glenn W. Cooper for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Glenn W. Cooper.