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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Delbe Spath upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service as a firefighter by the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

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 Delbe Spath upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service as a firefighter by the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, celebrated at its Past Presidents dinner on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Kingston, New York; and

WHEREAS, Delbe Spath joined the Chatham Fire Department in 1958 and became chief in 1964; and

WHEREAS, That same year, Delbe Spath transferred and joined the Cronomer Valley Department of Newburgh, New York, where he helped to form the Town of Newburgh Ambulance Corps and served as the first chief; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Delbe Spath transferred to Wallkill and joined the Wallkill Hook, Ladder & Hose Company; and

WHEREAS, Since transferring to Wallkill, Delbe Spath has served as deputy chief, company president and chairman of the board of fire commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Delbe Spath is a member and past president of the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association and is currently on the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Delbe Spath is a member of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York and is on the training and education committee; and

WHEREAS, During his many years of service to the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association, Delbe Spath has served on numerous committees and was a director for eight years; he was elected 2nd vice president in 2010, 1st vice president in 2011, and president in 2012; 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; Delbe Spath 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 Delbe Spath upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 54 years of dedicated service as a firefighter by the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Delbe Spath.