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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter George Peyton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company No. 4 of the Newark 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 George Peyton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company No. 4 of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department; he was honored at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dedicated and distinguished service to Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company No. 4 and the citizens of Newark, New York, George Peyton served four years in the United States Air Force at Sampson Air Force Base in Romulus, New York, as well as many years service with the Newark Fire Police; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, George Peyton was very active with the Newark Booster Club, and helped to bring professional baseball to Newark; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jill, and their two children, Robert and Jean, 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; George Peyton 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 George Peyton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company No. 4 of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter George Peyton.