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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Commissioner Gary Tavormina upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 60 years of dedicated service to the Woodbourne 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 Fire Commissioner Gary Tavormina upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 60 years of dedicated service to the Woodbourne Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Fallsburg High School in 1953, Gary Tavormina followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps and joined the Woodbourne Fire Department; later, in 1959, he helped found the Woodbourne Volunteer Ambulance Corps; and

WHEREAS, After studying Construction at the State University of New York at Delhi, Gary Tavormina enlisted in the United States Army and served his country until 1956; a year later he married his wife, Frances, and became a Corrections Officer with the New York State Department of Corrections, the position he held for 33 years until his retirement in 1990; 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; Gary Tavormina is such a firefighter; throughout over 60 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 Fire Commissioner Gary Tavormina for more than 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Commissioner Gary Tavormina.