

## 2015-J145

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John M. Pelton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Sand Lake 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 John M. Pelton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the West Sand Lake Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Banquet on Saturday, January 17, 2015, at the Poestenkill Fire Hall; 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, For five decades, John M. Pelton has served the West Sand Lake Fire Company as a Trustee; he is also known for his years of service on Installation Dinners, as well as a variety of dinners and dances held at the fire hall; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has served his community as Second Lieutenant of the Sand Lake Ambulance Squad; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic

magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; 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; John M. Pelton 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 John M. Pelton for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John M. Pelton.