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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Richard Comfort upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Loch Sheldrake 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 Richard Comfort upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department to be celebrated at its 93rd Annual Installation and Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Loch Sheldrake Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Dick" Comfort is a Past Chief and was very active until he was severely injured when a roof collapsed on him while at a house fire; he was told he would probably never walk again, his words were "You want to bet"; and

WHEREAS, Although he never fully recovered from the accident, it never kept Dick Comfort from enjoying his life; he and his beloved wife, Lorraine "Dew", raised three wonderful boys, 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; Dick

Comfort 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 Richard Comfort upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Richard Comfort.