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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Earl Ward for 50 years of dedicated volunteer fire service in Cayuga County

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those brave citizens, who have played a significant role in making our community what it is today, and whose tireless contributions and sacrifices have improved the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Earl Ward for 50 years of dedicated volunteer fire service in Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ward joined the Owasco Fire Department on December 14, 1964, serving as a volunteer firefighter within that department and completing his first training course, the New York State Essentials of Firemanship, on August 5, 1965; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Earl Ward moved to the Village of Weedsport and subsequently joined the Weedsport Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ward has held many positions during his volunteer service with the Weedsport Fire Department, eventually rising to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief, a position he held from 2000 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ward was also one of the first Advanced Life Support certified Emergency Medical Technicians when the Weedsport Fire Department Ambulance made the decision to become one of the first Advanced Life Support equipped agencies in the county; and

WHEREAS, Still an active member of the Weedsport Fire Department, Earl Ward responds to fire alarms, attends meetings, assists with events, and mentors other firefighters in the department; and

WHEREAS, During his 50 years of dedicated fire service in Cayuga County, Earl Ward completed numerous fire protection and safety courses,

participated in many training courses that included Fire Pump Operations and Emergency Vehicle Operation and Control, and gained certification as a New York State Emergency Medical Technician; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his long and distinguished volunteer service with both the Owasco and Weedsport Fire Departments, Earl Ward has responded to thousands of emergency calls, helped to advance fire department technology, and improved the safety of countless residents living within his community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a firefighter, Earl Ward is involved with the Northern Central Volunteer Fireman's Association, the Fireman's Association of the State of New York, and the American Red Cross; 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; Earl Ward 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 to honor Earl Ward for 50 years of dedicated volunteer fire service in Cayuga County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Earl Ward.