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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Gerald Jones posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hartford 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 Gerald Jones, posthumously, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its annual banquet on Saturday, May 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Gerald "Pete" Jones of Hartford, New York, died on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 9, 1935, Gerald Jones was the son of the late Floyd and Grace (Waller) Jones; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Jones was a 50 year member of the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a lifetime member of both the Argyle Rescue Squad and Hartford Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Hartford Central High School, this esteemed firefighter received his associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1956 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Jones was employed as a machinist at Ciba Geigy in Queensbury, New York, for nearly 30 years; he was also an avid woodwork-

er and managed Mill Creek Creations; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Gerald Jones married the former Dorothy Geyer, who predeceased him in 2003; together, they were the proud parents of three children, Daniel (Laura), Laura, Mark (Mary Beth), and the loving grandparents of five grandchildren, Connor, Dylan, Felicity, Lydia, and Thaddeus; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 50 years of distinguished service to the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter Gerald Jones selflessly gave of his time and energies to help fellow citizens in need; 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; Gerald Jones was such a firefighter; throughout his 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; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Firefighter Gerald Jones leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Gerald Jones, posthumously, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Hartford Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Firefighter Gerald Jones.