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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger upon the occasion of his installation as President of the New York Association of Fire Chiefs on June 20, 2015

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 honor Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger upon the occasion of his installation as President of the New York Association of Fire Chiefs at its 109th Annual Conference and Fire 2015 Expo on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Turning Stone Resort, Verona, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs is a non-profit, service oriented organization founded in 1904 by 60 chiefs from around the state who were interested in sharing mutual concerns and solutions for the benefit of the fire service; and

WHEREAS, Today, this vital organization is one of the largest fire chiefs associations in the world and its focus now encompasses the needs and concerns of all of the emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Incoming President of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Daniel J. Schwertfeger also serves as Chief of the Floyd Volunteer Fire Department in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer fire departments and their outstanding members are an integral part of community protection in localities across this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters such as Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger

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; Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 honor Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger upon the occasion of his installation as President of the New York Association of Fire Chiefs on June 20, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Daniel J. Schwertfeger.