



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Seward Presents State Honor To Cuyler Firefighter

JAMES L. SEWARD March 16, 2015

| ISSUE: **LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FIREFIGHTERS**



**ALBANY, 03/16/15 --** State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) recently presented Kelvin “Iron Lungs” Corbin with a New York State Legislative Resolution honoring his six-plus decades of service to the Cuyler Fire Department.

**“Kelvin Corbin has displayed unwavering dedication to the citizens of Cuyler for sixty-four years,”** said Senator Seward. **“I have a great deal of respect for the men and women who answer the siren’s call, day or night, to protect lives and property. To do so in a volunteer capacity for such a prolonged period of time, as Kelvin has done, is even more impressive and deserving of special**

recognition.”

Kelvin Corbin first joined the Cuyler Volunteer Fire Department in 1950 while still in high school. Over his 64 years of service he has fulfilled a number of leadership posts including fire chief, volunteer instructor, and fire investigator.

Senate resolution J350 was adopted on February 3, 2015 and reads in part:

*WHEREAS, A role model and mentor for generations of Cuyler volunteer firefighters, Kelvin Corbin has been dedicated to the safety of his community and his diligence has been second to none; 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; Kelvin Corbin is such a firefighter; throughout his 64 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 Kelvin Corbin for 64 years of distinguished service.*

Assemblyman Gary Finch sponsored the assembly version of the resolution which was also adopted on February 3, 2015.

-30-

Photo attached, from left, Senator Seward, Kelvin Corbin, Cuyler Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim Custer, Town of Cuyler Supervisor Louanne Randall.