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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Theodore Achen upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Whitesboro Fire Department on January 9, 2016

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 Theodore Achen upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Whitesboro Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Installation Dinner on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at the Hart's Hill Inn, Whitesboro, New York; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Achen, affectionately known as Ted, joined the Whitesboro Fire Department on November 1, 1965; throughout the last five decades, he has participated in numerous department events and was instrumental in planning the Children's Halloween Parade; and

WHEREAS, Ted Achen has assisted with the training of the department's Fire Police and served as Captain of that team for many years; in this capacity, he attended numerous county and state training programs and meetings, bringing back a wealth of information to share with his team; and

WHEREAS, Today, this remarkable firefighter remains an active and vital member of the Whitesboro Fire Department, responding to incidents as a Fire Police member; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Ted Achen enjoys spending time with his loving wife, beloved children and treasured grandchildren; 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; Theodore Achen 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 Theodore Achen for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Theodore Achen.