

## 2015-J3546

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John Nester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Clinton Fire Department and the people of Oneida County

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 Chief John Nester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Clinton Fire Department and the people of Oneida County to be celebrated at the Annual Oneida County Fire Service Breakfast on Saturday, January 30, 2016, in Deerfield, New York; and

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Nester began his career with the Clinton Fire Department in 1956, and rose through the ranks to become department Chief in 1977; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Fire Chief John Nester ably carried out his duties, and oversaw numerous achievements, including the purchase of the department's first Jaws of Life and a new Seagrave Pumper, as well as the restoration of the 1934 Buffalo Pumper; and

WHEREAS, After completing his term as Fire Chief in 1983, John Nester was appointed Deputy Fire Coordinator, Car 271, and was later placed in charge of the Oneida County Air Van for several years; and

WHEREAS, John Nester has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given

of himself unstintingly; he served as President of the Oneida County Fireman's Association for two years, and has been a member of the county's Arson Task Force since its inception; 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; John Nester is such a firefighter; throughout over 60 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 John Nester upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Clinton Fire Department and the people of Oneida County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Nester.