

## 2015-J3731

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Fire District Commissioner Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Snyder 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 Fire District Commissioner Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Snyder Fire Department, to be celebrated with a Cocktail Party on Friday, May 6, 2016; 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, Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. joined the Snyder Fire Department as a Torchboy, a male or female member that is either 16 or 17 years of age, on January 3, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious firefighting career, Thomas P. Kenney has held several offices; he began as a firefighter on December 4, 1967, and four years later was promoted to Junior Captain; he climbed the ranks to serve in such capacities as, Captain, Chief of Department, Vice President, President, and Fire District Commissioner, the esteemed position he continues to hold today; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. has also served on numerous committees over the years, including new apparatus and 100th Anniversary commit-

tees; he is currently a structural firefighter and driver of all apparatus, as well as a top responder to emergency incidents; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout five decades 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 Fire District Commissioner Thomas P. Kenney, Jr. for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas P. Kenney, Jr.