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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Greece 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 Firefighter Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Greece Fire Department; 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, A lifelong resident of Greece, Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. joined the North Greece Fire Department on January 10, 1966; he served as a Line Officer from 1971 to 1979, a Deputy Chief from 1980 to 1982, and as Chief from 1983 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. served on the North Greece Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners from 2005 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. has helped train countless Police, Fire and EMS staff as an Incident Command Instructor, and he currently serves as President of the Ontario County Safety Council; he is also a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, Monroe County Fire Chiefs and National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 32 years, Mary Jane, and their children, Michael, Julie, Amy, Jon, Katie, David, Courtney and Andrew, as well as 15 grandchildren, 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; Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. 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 Sherman G. Manchester, Jr. for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sherman G. Manchester, Jr.