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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Fire Chief Daniel Thomas upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Binghamton 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 brave fire-fighter 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 Chief Daniel Thomas upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Binghamton Fire Department; he will officially retire on Saturday, April 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Thomas began his career with the Binghamton Fire Department on November 29, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this esteemed firefighter rose through the ranks, becoming Fire Lieutenant in 1984, and Captain in 1987; he was next promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in 1993, Deputy Chief in 1999, and Chief of the Department in 2007; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Fire Chief Daniel Thomas oversaw numerous updates to the department's firefighting apparatus fleet and incorporated new safety technology and expanded training programs; he was also involved in putting out such major blazes as the Midtown Mall, Derby Knitting Mill, and Pa's Woodshed fires; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Fire Chief Daniel Thomas's leadership skills and enthusiasm, have helped earn the Binghamton Fire Department a reputation for being among the best in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters and fire departments not only provide the crit-

ical 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; Daniel Thomas is such a firefighter; throughout his 40 years of devoted service, this man 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 Chief Daniel Thomas upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Binghamton Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief Daniel Thomas.