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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chief Randy Stone upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Plattsburgh City 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Chief Randy Stone upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Plattsburgh City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Chief Randy Stone has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a member of the Plattsburgh City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Randy Stone began his illustrious career with the Plattsburgh City Fire Department on September 15, 1980; he served courageously as a firefighter for 17 years, and spent 12 years assigned to the ambulance, followed by three years as Lieutenant, seven years as Captain and four years as Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Randy Stone took over as Acting Chief and two years later, was officially promoted to the Department's highest position as full Chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Randy Stone initially joined the department partly due to it was a family affair; his father was a firefighter, retiring in 1991 as an Assistant Chief, and he had an uncle and a cousin who were both firefighters; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Carrie, and their daughter, Mya, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Chief Randy Stone served with

loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, 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; Chief Randy Stone is such a firefighter; throughout his 35 years of devoted service, this firefighter 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 Chief Randy Stone upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of dedicated service to the Plattsburgh City Fire Department, and to wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Randy Stone.