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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Howard F. Combs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to the Port Gibson Volunteer 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, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Howard F. Combs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 5th, 2016, at the Palmyra VFW Post No. 6778, Palmyra, New York; 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, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; 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; Howard F. Combs is such a firefighter; throughout 65 years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, In the performance of his duties, Howard F. Combs has demon-

strated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others and has proven to be a tremendous asset to his community; and WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife, Barbara, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as volunteers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Howard F. Combs upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to the Port Gibson Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Howard F. Combs.