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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John E. Flagler, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Slingerlands Fire Department on March 19, 2016

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 John E. Flagler, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Slingerlands Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, March 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 1955, John E. Flagler, Jr., affectionately known as Jack, joined the Slingerlands Fire Department at the young age of 18; through the next 16 years, he rose through the ranks serving in every position from Firefighter to 1st Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jack E. Flagler, Jr. held the position of Treasurer for 27 years and served as Financial Secretary; in this capacity, he developed the Department's current fund drive program, managed seven installation dinners and numerous community dances; and

WHEREAS, Jack E. Flagler, Jr. was also a member of the Slingerlands Pussycats Firematic Drill Team and helped organize the Albany County Mutual Aid Softball League, where he held the title of the first Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Jack E. Flagler, Jr. continues to respond to calls every day and regularly attends department drills and functions; as one

of the oldest and most knowledgeable members, he enjoys supporting and guiding some of the younger members of the Slingerlands Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, From 1954-1963, Jack E. Flagler, Jr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard 27th Infantry Division, now known as the 27th Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives and a friend to all, Jack E. Flagler, Jr. has tirelessly worked to sponsor annual golf tournaments and functions to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Program in memory of his late son, John "Jake" G. Flagler; 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, 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; John E. Flagler, Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 John E. Flagler, Jr. for 60 years of distinguished service to the Slingerlands Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John E. Flagler, Jr.