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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending George H. Lenhardt upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 George H. Lenhardt upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 May 10, 1965, George H. Lenhardt joined the Slingerlands Fire Department at the young age of 18; he enthusiastically held the title of Fire Lieutenant and worked with the emergency response team; and

WHEREAS, In addition, George H. Lenhardt held the position of Slingerlands Fire District Commissioner for many years and served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors; currently, he holds the title of Treasurer of the Slingerlands Fire District; and

WHEREAS, At one time, George H. Lenhardt enthusiastically offered his time and energies to serving the American Red Cross as a Disaster Services Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, George H. Lenhardt served as both Vice President and Chaplain of the Slingerlands Fire Department; he was a member of the Slingerlands Pussycats Firematic Drill Team and participated in the

Albany County Mutual Aid Softball League; and

WHEREAS, Currently, George H. Lenhardt continues to respond to calls every day and regularly attends department drills and functions; and

WHEREAS, George H. Lenhardt proudly served his country as a Communications Specialist with the United States Army Special Security Group at MACV Headquarters in Saigon during the Vietnam War; he is an active member of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040 in Delmar, New York, and currently, participates on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lives and a friend to all, George H. Lenhardt has been a member of the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board, and served as Chairman of the Bethlehem Board of Ambulance Commissioners, as well as President of the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association; 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; George H. Lenhardt 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 George H. Lenhardt for 50 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 George H. Lenhardt.