

## 2015-K1154

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Ben Crawl upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Caton 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 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 Firefighter Ben Crawl upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Caton Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ben Crawl joined the Caton Fire Department in June 1965; he served as President for 10 years and Chief for 10 years, as well as one term (five years) as Fire Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Firefighter Ben Crawl was a member of the Fire Advisory Board, President of Steuben County Fireman's Association, a charter member of the Steuben County Chiefs Association, and the first 911 commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ben Crawl also served as co-chairman of the Fireman's Fire Training Weekend for six years at the County Training Center and was a New York State Fire Instructor for Steuben County; and

WHEREAS, At Corning Incorporated, in 1984, he was asked to reconstruct their Fire Brigade and establish an EMS team; he also acted as the Chief for 10 years; the corporate safety policies that were implemented at his plant became the benchmark for all of Corning Inc.'s domestic plants; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Firefighter Ben Crawl was asked to step back into

his role as Acting Commissioner for the Caton Volunteer Fire Department to assist the department until December of 2016; 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; Ben Crowl 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 Ben Crowl for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Ben Crowl.