

## 2015-J4788

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Thomas Vail upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Afton 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, 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 Thomas Vail upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Afton Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Vail joined the Afton Volunteer Fire Department on January 10, 1966; since 1987, he has served as the Department's Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1995, and the Fire Commissioner since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Vail retired from the esteemed position of Vice President of NBT Bank after 45 years of distinguished service; today, he still sits on NBT Bank's Advisory Board; 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; Thomas Vail 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 Thomas Vail for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Thomas Vail.