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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert S. Henry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 68 years of dedicated service to the Copenhagen 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 Robert S. Henry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 68 years of dedicated service to the Copenhagen Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Henry became a member of the Copenhagen Fire Department on April 1, 1948; throughout the years, he has served honorably in a number of positions including Fire Chief from 1953 through 1955, and President from 1981 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping his community, Robert S. Henry serves as a member of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), the Northern New York Parade and Drill Team and Captain's Association and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association, as well as being recognized as a life member of the New York State Volunteer Firemen's Parade and Drill Team Captain's Association; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Robert S. Henry is an active member of the Cubs Drill Team; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Henry played a major role in constructing and finishing the inside of the current Copenhagen Fire Hall, and today, continues to enjoy working on projects that need to be done inside the

Fire Hall; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Henry married the late Lucrecia (Keta) Livingston on May 6, 1950; for many years, she was an active member of the Copenhagen Fireman's Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his two sons, James and Lynn who are also volunteer firefighters, active in the Copenhagen Fire Department, as well as his third son, the late Donald, and three grandsons, Shane, Tyler and William; and granddaughter, Nicole, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Robert S. Henry is such a firefighter; throughout 68 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 Robert S. Henry for 68 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert S. Henry.