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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James Gregston Greer V upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James Gregston Greer V upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging at its Annual Senior Citizens Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Hart Theatre Lounge in the Egg, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to the community, James Gregston Greer V, affectionately known as Greg, has been a member of the Walker Valley Fire Department since his eighteenth birthday; in addition to serving as Chief of the department for 13 years, he has also helped to groom future chiefs, including two of his sons; and

WHEREAS, Greg Greer has served on many committees throughout his illustrious tenure with the Department, most recently as chair of the 100th Anniversary committee; he has also been cited as a top 10 responder for many of the 57 years he has served the Department; and

WHEREAS, Today, even at 74 years old, Greg Greer attends more than 100 calls a year; whether it is fire calls, car accidents, medical calls, or rescues, he is out the door and often the first one at the firehouse; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Greg Greer has served on the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board for 12 years; his position in the Walker Valley Fire Department and the Ulster County Arson Task Force as well as his position as a New York State Fire Instructor make him a perfect candidate for the Fire Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Greg Greer has also volunteered his time organizing and participating in valley-wide road clean-ups, and he served on the committee which planned and built Verkeerderkill Park; he has also served for many years on Walker Valley's Old Fashioned Day committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Greg Greer has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and five children, as well as eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Greg Greer has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Greg Greer, a very active and industrious man, has inspired and enriched the lives of those he serves through his volunteerism, generously sharing the wisdom gained over years of experiencing life to its fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Gregston Greer V upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 10, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Gregston Greer V.