

## 2015-J4958

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Hendrie Samyn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Neversink 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 Hendrie Samyn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Neversink Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, For the past five decades, Firefighter Hendrie "Hank" Samyn has rendered faithful, loyal, and conscientious service to the people of Neversink, New York; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Shirley, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices 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; Hank Samyn 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give

special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer firefighters across this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Hendrie Samyn upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Neversink Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Hendrie Samyn.