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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Captain Paul Harrington upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Fire Prevention Educator of the Year by the Orange County Firefighters Museum

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 justly proud to honor Captain Paul Harrington upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Fire Prevention Educator of the Year by the Orange County Firefighters Museum to be celebrated at its 6th Annual Gala at the Fire Safety Education Center, Montgomery, New York, on Friday, June 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Paul Harrington, Captain of the Cronomer Valley Fire Department, has been involved in firefighting for 28 years, eight years with the Cronomer Valley Fire Department, 14 years with the Good Will Fire Department, and six years with the Plattsburgh Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Paul Harrington joins former recipients of this esteemed award: Amy Conner Kosturik, Good Will Fire Department (2011); Barbara Gasperetti, Coldenham Fire Department (2012); Chad Quackenbush, Warwick Fire Department (2013); Frederick "Mike" Hoffman, Goshen Fire Department (2014) and James E. Ferguson, Montgomery Fire Department (2015); 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; Captain Paul Harrington is such a firefighter; throughout his 28 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 honor Captain Paul Harrington upon the occasion of being named the 2016 Fire Prevention Educator of the Year by the Orange County Firefighters Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Paul Harrington.