

## 2017-K75

Assembly Resolution No. 75

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COMMENDING Norman Sparks upon the occasion of his  
designation for special recognition after 60 years  
of dedicated service to Conesus Volunteer Fire  
Department on May 6, 2017

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 Norman Sparks  
upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60  
years of dedicated service to Conesus Volunteer Fire Department to be  
celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Veteran Norman Sparks joined the fire department in 1957  
and served as Secretary Treasurer for the Conesus Volunteer Fire  
Department Board of Fire Commissioners from 1987-1989 and became a  
Commissioner in 1999; he went on to become the Chairman of the Board of  
Fire Commissioners in January of 2011, an esteemed position he holds to  
this day; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Norman Sparks has served as Town of Conesus Supervisor; 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, Firefighters perform selfless tasks quietly and often without the recognition they deserve, risking their lives daily to protect the lives and property of the residents of New York State; 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; Norman Sparks is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Norman Sparks for 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Norman Sparks.