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Senate Resolution No. 636

BY: Senator LARKIN

HONORING Firefighter James Dennis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Winona Lake Fire Engine Company No. 2 Inc.

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Firefighter James Dennis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Winona Lake Fire Engine Company No. 2 Inc., to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, A natural leader, James Dennis was instrumental in the formation of Winona Lake Engine Company No. 2 Inc. in 1954, signing the

Charter in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, James Dennis helped build the legacy of Winona Lake Engine Company No. 2 Inc., where he has served as Chief of the Department; in addition, he was a commissioner of the Orange Lake Fire District and continues to work as a Court Officer for the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; 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; James Dennis 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 honor Firefighter James Dennis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Winona Lake Fire Engine Company No. 2 Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter James Dennis.