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Assembly Resolution No. 243

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HONORING Firefighter Robert Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company

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 Robert Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company to be celebrated at the Annual Installation of Officers banquet on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Ellicott Creek Banquet Facility; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sykes, affectionately known as Bobby, joined the North Bailey Fire Company on January 15, 1973; throughout his 50 years of service, he has been a longtime member of the drill team and softball team, and is a well-respected mentor to all the new firefighters who

join the Company; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighter Robert Sykes is consistently a Top 10 responder within the North Bailey Fire Company; he continues to attend many fire and EMS calls, training drills, fundraisers, and fire prevention details, proving to be a prime example of dedication to the volunteer fire service; 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; Robert Sykes is one such 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Robert Sykes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the North Bailey Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert Sykes.