

## 2023-J724

Senate Resolution No. 724

BY: Senator WALCZYK

HONORING Firefighter Robert West upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 52 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department

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 West upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 52 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at an Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" West has over five decades of service between two fire departments, joining the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1971, serving for 13 years, and later joined the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department in December of 1984; throughout his 52 years of service,

he held several positions within the Department including being a member of the House Committee, making choices that will benefit the good of the Department, and is a driver, bringing the appropriate apparatuses to scenes of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert West has taken part in many parades, conventions, and fairs, always jumping at an opportunity to display his rightful pride in the Department and Village; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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 West is one such firefighter; throughout 52 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 Robert West upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 52 years of dedicated service to the Lowville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

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