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Senate Resolution No. 817

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING past Chief David Vredenburgh upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia 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 commend past Chief David Vredenburgh upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia Fire Department, which was celebrated at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the firehouse at 121 Albany Street; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Cazenovia in 1967, David Vredenburgh joined the Volunteer Fire Department in Madison County in 1972; throughout his more than 50 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including rescue captain, second lieutenant, first

lieutenant, captain, second assistant chief, first assistant chief, and served as chief from 1995-1997; and

WHEREAS, David Vredenburgh has always been eager to learn and successfully completed numerous fire and emergency medical services (EMS) training courses; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Cazenovia Fire Department and to his community, David Vredenburgh has been the recipient of several awards and accolades including a Certificate of Appreciation from the New York State Police, the 1998 Chief's Award, and the 2010 EMS Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his volunteer work with the Cazenovia Fire Department, David Vredenburgh served Madison County as a state- and nationally-certified fire investigator since 1988, and as a deputy fire coordinator since 1998; and

WHEREAS, David Vredenburgh was an EMT for 30 years, and a charter member of the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps (CAVAC), holding the positions of director of operations for nine years and president for four years; 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; David Vredenburgh is one such firefighter; throughout more than 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 past Chief David Vredenburgh upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after more than 50 years of dedicated service to the Cazenovia Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to past Chief David Vredenburgh.