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Senate Resolution No. 1772

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Volunteer Firefighter Bernie Szarek  
upon the occasion of his designation for special  
recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to  
Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department

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, 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 Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Volunteer  
Firefighter Bernie Szarek upon the occasion of his designation for  
special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to Westmoreland  
Volunteer Fire Department; 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, 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; Bernie Szarek is such a volunteer firefighter; throughout 55 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 Volunteer Firefighter Bernie Szarek upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bernie Szarek and Westmoreland Volunteer Fire Department.