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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Former Fire Chief Richard Aquino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Swormville 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, Since the early days of "teapot steamers," the professional firefighter has been the cornerstone of our great Nation's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Former Fire Chief Richard Aquino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Swormville Fire Department; he was honored at the Department's Annual Installation Dinner in February of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Professional 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, Richard Aquino graduated from Williamsville High School in 1956, he then served his country as a member of the United States Army in Germany, and later in the Coast Guard Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning from military service, this remarkable man joined the Williamsville Fire Department, where he served for two years before joining the Swormville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Richard Aquino began his career with Capital Airlines which would later become United Airlines; he diligently worked for United as supervisor of customer service for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Former Chief Richard Aquino has been a dedicated and valued

member of the Swormville Fire Department during his distinguished 50 year career; and

WHEREAS, He served admirably as Chief of the Department from 1975 to 1979 and has held numerous important positions during his lifetime with the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Richard Aquino is a founding member of the Amherst Past Chiefs Association and currently serves as President of the Swormville Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Geraldine, and their two children, Susan and Richard, all of whom feel privileged to share in Richard Aquino's life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Richard Aquino is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 commend Firefighter Richard Aquino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition for 50 years of distinguished service to the Swormville Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard Aquino.