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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Yvonne Tompkins upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 40 years of designated service to the Chelsea Fire Company

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 volunteer 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 Firefighter Yvonne Tompkins upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the Chelsea Fire Company; 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, Yvonne Tompkins joined the Chelsea Fire Company in 1974, acting as Captain from 1984-1986; she was one of the first female officers in Dutchess County; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Tompkins has served as company president, company secretary for 20 years, chair or co-chair of numerous fund raising efforts for the company, fire police for the last five years, and as district secretary for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, It take 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; Yvonne Tompkins is such a firefighter; throughout 40 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 Yvonne Tompkins for 40 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitable engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Yvonne Tompkins.