

## 2013-J4122

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Chuck Hammon upon the occasion of his designation as 2013-2014 Employee of the Year by the City of Batavia

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes great pride in acknowledging those esteemed individuals within the State of New York who distinguish themselves in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is pleased to commend Firefighter Chuck Hammon upon the occasion of his designation as 2013-2014 Employee of the Year by the City of Batavia, New York; he was presented this esteemed award at a meeting of the Batavia City Council in February 2014; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Chuck Hammon earned this proud distinction for consistently going "above and beyond" the expectations of a firefighter and for working to grow the Batavia Fire Department's child safety seat program; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Hammon, a resident of LeRoy, New York, is a proud second-generation career firefighter; his father worked in the Auburn, New York, fire department and was deputy chief in Batavia for eight years, and his grandfather was a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Hammon moved to Batavia when his father began to work for the city; he graduated from Batavia High School in 2002 and, inspired to pursue a career in the fire protection field, he earned a fire protection technology degree at Corning Community College, and his

paramedic degree at Erie Community College; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Hammon worked on the city ambulance for one year before the service was eliminated; he was soon hired as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Four years ago he was asked by Chief James Maxwell to lead the Child Passenger Safety Program, which offers an indoor fitting station and off-site car seat events, in an effort to educate and outfit parents with the safest child seats possible; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Hammon has embraced the Child Passenger Safety Program with enthusiasm, writing grants to cover program costs, and increasing the amount of funding the program receives; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and responsibilities, as well as the assumption of additional responsibility, Chuck Hammon's ongoing efforts and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is pleased to join with the City of Batavia in expressing its sincere appreciation for Firefighter Chuck Hammon for his exemplary service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter Chuck Hammon upon the occasion of his designation as 2013-2014 Employee of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Chuck Hammon.