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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Terry LaVigne upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Constantia 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, 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 Terry LaVigne upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 100th year celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Constantia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Syracuse, New York, Terry LaVigne graduated from Central Square High School in 1963, and attended Mohawk Community College in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Terry LaVigne joined the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1964; he served as President from 1974 to 1976, and Chief from 1977 to 1984; Terry also held positions as Lieutenant and Treasurer, as well as Past Chairman of the Constantia Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Since 1985, Terry LaVigne has served as Commissioner of the Constantia Fire District; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, he received the auspicious honor of being named Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Terry LaVigne rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Carrier Corporation, retiring in 2002; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Terry LaVigne coached Little League from 1981 to 1986, and has held several leadership positions with Cub Pack 724, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 724; and WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sue, and their one son, Shane (Bethany), and one grandchild, Connor; as well as his brother, Joe, and two sisters, Nan and Sharon, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Terry LaVigne is such a firefighter; throughout 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 Terry LaVigne for 50 years of distinguished service to the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Terry LaVigne.