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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John R. Metzger 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 John R. Metzger 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 100 year celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Constantia, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Fulton, New York, John R. Metzger graduated from Central Square High School in 1964, and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Siena College in 1968; and

WHEREAS, John R. Metzger joined the Constantia Volunteer Fire Department in February of 1964; he served as Chief from 1987 to 1989; he also held positions as Assistant Chief, President, Vice President, Captain, Lieutenant, Secretary, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, John R. Metzger received the auspicious honor of being named Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, For many years, John R. Metzger rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Cooper (Crouse-Hinds) Industries, retiring in February of 2011; and

WHEREAS, A member of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Constantia, New York, John R. Metzger is the Past Trustee and Parish Council of his

Church; he also served as Pack Master for Cub Scout Pack 724, and is a former Youth Basketball Coach; and

WHEREAS, Currently, John R. Metzger serves on the Constantia Town Board Council, and has been a substitute bus driver for Central Square School District since 2013; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of more than 44 years, Joy, and their two children, John and Melissa, as well as five grandchildren, Katelyn, Cassandra, Sarah, Haley and Joey, 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; John R. Metzger 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 John R. Metzger 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 John R. Metzger.