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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Deputy Chief Carl Houman upon the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of dedicated fire service

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," firefighters have 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 Deputy Chief Carl Houman upon the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of dedicated fire service, to be celebrated with a Retirement Party in his honor on Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Best Western Inn Hunts Landing, Matamoras, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Carl Houman holds a Bachelor's degree in Safety Engineering from Kennedy-Western University; he has honorably served for nearly three decades in fire protection and as an Emergency Medical Technician in New York and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief and Director of Fire Safety for the Monticello Joint Fire District, Carl Houman is a New York State Fire Instructor as well as a Nationally Certified Fire Instructor assigned to Orange County, New York and the New York State Fire Academy; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he serves as a hands on training instructor for New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC), FDIC and is a New York State Advocate for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation; and

WHEREAS, 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; Deputy Chief Carl Houman is such a firefighter; throughout 29 years of devoted service, this man 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 Deputy Chief Carl Houman upon the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of distinguished fire service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Chief Carl Houman.