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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Leslie Smith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 66 years of dedicated service to the Monticello 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 Leslie Smith upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 66 years of dedicated service to the Monticello Fire Department which was celebrated at its 66th Annual Spring Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Mr. Willy's Restaurant in Monticello, New York; and

WHEREAS, For over 135 years, the Monticello Fire Department has proudly served the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson in Sullivan County, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to handling over an average of 1,000 calls per year, the Monticello Fire Department responds all life-threatening medical calls within its district; they provide the highest level of fire protection, fire safety education, and emergency medical service to its community, while also striving for improved productivity and cost effective use of its resources; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Leslie Smith is honored to continue a long tradition of protecting his community, and is dedicated to providing the highest level of service; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire departments not only provide the critical service of fire protection but also engage in other activ-

ities 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; Leslie Smith is such a firefighter; throughout 66 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 Leslie Smith for 66 years of distinguished service to the Monticello Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Leslie Smith.