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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert Somers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 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 Robert Somers upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 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 to 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 Robert Somers 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; Robert
Somers is such a firefighter; throughout 51 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 Robert Somers for 51 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 Robert Somers.