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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Robert T. Jones upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Sodus Point 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 T. Jones upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Sodus Point Fire Department which was celebrated on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at Dockers Seafood and Grille in North Rose, New York; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert T. Jones, affectionately known as Bob, began serving the Sodus Point Fire Department on May 13, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 13, 1934 in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, Firefighter Robert T. Jones graduated from Hazelton High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, A life member of the Sodus Point Fire Department, Firefighter Robert T. Jones was previously a Commissioner of the Alton Fire Department for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, From 1957 to 1959, Firefighter Robert T. Jones served his country as a member of the United States Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Firefighter Robert T. Jones serves as President, Historian, and "Sunshine Person" of the Sodus Point Fire Department; he is also active in his community by participating in Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Marilyn D., and

their five sons, Robert, Jr., Timothy, Mark, Sr., Jeffery, and Troy, 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; Firefighter Robert T. Jones is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 T. Jones for 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert T. Jones.