

## 2013-J5670

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Kerhonkson Fire Company upon the occasion of receiving the Unit Citation Award by the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; the courageous and devoted firefighters of the Kerhonkson Fire Company have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Kerhonkson Fire Company upon the occasion of receiving the Unit Citation Award by the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association to be celebrated at its convention held on Friday, July 25, 2014, at the VFW in Saugerties, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Kerhonkson Fire Company will receive this auspicious award for their heroic actions with a vehicle accident incident; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 2013, the Kerhonkson Fire Company received a call for a vehicle accident on Route 209 near Colony Farm in the Town of Wawarsing, New York, with entrapment; once on the scene, firefighters immediately went into motion with every man assigned a specific job, whether it was an extrication team, running equipment from the truck, or operating pumps, every job was crucial in the extrication process; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters of Kerhonkson Fire Company worked diligently and without haste, making an extremely delicate and tedious extrication; with two extrication teams working on the vehicle, the firefighters kept calm and worked as quickly as possible but very methodically, using just about every tool on the rescue truck; and

WHEREAS, Due to their knowledge and extensive training, the firefighters of Kerhonkson Fire Company were able to free the victim; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of Kerhonkson Fire Company in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of Kerhonkson Fire Company are prepared to risk their lives every day to help save the lives of others and to protect homes and property from the destruction caused by fire; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the skill and devoted service demonstrated by individual firefighters, Kerhonkson Fire Company reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly commend the Kerhonkson Fire Company upon the occasion of receiving the Unit Citation Award by the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Kerhonkson Fire Company.