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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Assistant Chief Kenneth Lewis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 37 years of dedicated service to the Otterkill Engine Company No. 1

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 Assistant Chief Kenneth Lewis upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 37 years of dedicated service to the Otterkill Engine Company No. 1 to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Lewis joined the Otterkill Engine Company No. 1 in 1976; in addition to serving as Assistant Chief, he has held numerous positions including Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain and Chief; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Kenneth Lewis was named Firefighter of the Year in 2000, and received the Eric W. Kruger Memorial Presidential Award in 2010; 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; Kenneth Lewis is such a firefighter; throughout 37 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 Assistant Chief Kenneth Lewis for 37 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Assistant Chief Kenneth Lewis.