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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter William H. Gates upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 56 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 Firefighter William H. Gates upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 56 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, William H. Gates joined the Otterkill Engine Company No. 1 in 1957; in addition to serving as Firefighter, he has held numerous positions including 2nd Lieutenant and Chief; 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; William H. Gates is such a firefighter; throughout 56 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 William H. Gates for 56 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter William H. Gates.