

## 2015-J544

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the South Corning Fire Department, and commending James L. Johnson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the South Corning Fire Department and to honor the past and present firefighting members for 50 years of fire protection to the citizens of Corning, New York, and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating its milestone, the South Corning Fire Department will commend James L. Johnson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to be celebrated at the Department's Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Corning American Legion, South Corning, New York; and

WHEREAS, Fire departments are an integral part of community protection services in every locality of our State; during the past 50 years, the courageous and devoted firefighters of the South Corning Fire Department have valiantly responded to all types of fire emergencies and have won the praise and respect of the community which they serve; and

WHEREAS, With a membership of dedicated firefighters, the record of the South Corning Fire Department in public service and fire protection is one to be envied; for 24 hours a day, for 365 days a year, for 50 years, whenever the alarm sounded, these noble volunteers left their homes and went to the aid of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The brave firefighters of the South Corning Fire Department 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, the South Corning Fire Department reflects the history and development of firefighting over the past 50 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 commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the South Corning Fire Department, and to commend James L. Johnson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to be celebrated on March 7, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the South Corning Fire Department and Firefighter James L. Johnson.