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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Roy Piper upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Chili Volunteer Fire Department, Rochester, New York

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 Roy Piper upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Chili Volunteer Fire Department, Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 25, 1939, Roy Piper joined the Chili Volunteer Fire Department on August 1, 1965; throughout his 50 years of service, he has dedicated his time to his fellow firefighters and town residents by responding to hundreds of calls and countless hours of training; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Roy Piper has risen through the ranks to the position of Battalion Chief in 1978, Chief from 1978-1980, Vice President in 1983, President in 1984, Board of Director from 1988-1993, and inside guard from 2000-2001; today, he continues to attend and support the fire department in various ways; 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; Roy Piper is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Roy Piper for 50 years of distinguished service to the Chili Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Roy Piper.