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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James E. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Orange County Fire Prevention Educator of the Year Award by the Orange County Firefighters Museum

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James E. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Orange County Fire Prevention Educator of the Year Award by the Orange County Firefighters Museum, to be celebrated at its 5th Annual Fundraiser of the Fire Safety Education Center in Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Newburgh, New York, James E. Ferguson joined the Vails Gate Fire Department and the Goshen Fire Department before becoming a member of the Montgomery Fire Department where he has valiantly served in every capacity from Lieutenant to Chief for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community he so ably serves, James E. Ferguson is on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Firefighters Museum and is a member of the Fire Chief's Association of Orange County; he also serves as both a Fire Commissioner of the Montgomery Fire District and as the Fire Prevention Officer; and

WHEREAS, James E. Ferguson has been the proud recipient of countless awards and accolades, some of which include Firefighter of the Year, John Conroy Memorial Award, Commissioner's Award, Roger Andolsek Memori-

al Award, President's Award and the Chief's Award, and has served on various truck committees as well as a member of the parade committee for the 200th Anniversary celebration; and

WHEREAS, In addition to giving of his time and energies as a volunteer firefighter, James E. Ferguson has worked for the Orange County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer for 35 years and has received numerous administrative awards and commendations for this position; and he has been an active member of the Goodwill Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mildred, and his daughter, Patricia (Mark), as well as his grandson, Wyatt, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, James E. Ferguson has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which James E. Ferguson has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, In the faithful performance of his duties and volunteer efforts, James E. Ferguson's ongoing endeavors and notable achievements have significantly contributed to bettering the quality of life in his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James E. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Orange County Fire Prevention Educator of the Year Award by the Orange County Firefighters Museum; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James E. Ferguson.