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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc., Chadwicks, 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 William Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc., to be celebrated at its Installation Banquet at the Willowvale Firehouse, Chadwicks, New York, on Saturday, February 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Hughes has served as a volunteer firefighter for 50 years, 30 of those years as Chief of the Willowvale Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Janet, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; 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 Hughes is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, he has 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 Hughes upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Willowvale Fire Company, Inc., Chadwicks, New York; and be it further

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