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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John Vaccaro upon the occasion of being named 2015 Firefighter of the Year by the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department

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 justly proud to commend Firefighter John Vaccaro upon the occasion of being named 2015 Firefighter of the Year by the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department, celebrated at its Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 6, 2016, at the Brierwood Country Club in Hamburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding firefighter dedicated to helping others, John Vaccaro continues to serve the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department in the leadership role of Trustee; 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; John Vaccaro is such a firefighter; throughout his many years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Firefighter John Vaccaro upon the occasion of being named 2015 Firefighter of the Year by the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter John Vaccaro.