

## 2015-J3909

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Jim Briscoe upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Stottville Fire Company

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 Jim Briscoe upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Stottville Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure at the Stottville Fire Company, Jim Briscoe has held numerous leadership positions including the esteemed rank of Fire Chief for 30 years, and Secretary/Treasurer for 20 years, as well as President for three years; currently, he serves as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities at the Stottville Fire Company, Jim Briscoe is active throughout Columbia County; from 1963-1976 and again from 1976-1986, he held the esteemed position of Fire Coordinator, and served as the Volunteer Fireman's Association Secretary for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Jim Briscoe has been a member of the Fire Advisory Board since 1976, as well as a participant of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs for over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Along with his role as a firefighter, Jim Briscoe has held the position of EMT for 25 years, and currently, is a member of the Greenport Rescue Squad Board of Directors; 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; Jim Briscoe is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Jim Briscoe for 60 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Briscoe.