

## 2015-J4386

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending former Captain John Kurpetski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Riverhead Fire Department on May 10, 2016

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 former Captain John Kurpetski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Riverhead Fire Department to be celebrated on Tuesday, May 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Since May 6, 1966, John Kurpetski has been a dedicated member of the Riverhead Fire Department and the Washington Engine Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Over the last five decades, John Kurpetski has held several leadership positions at the Washington Engine Company No. 2 including 2nd Lieutenant from 1992-1993, 1st Lieutenant from 1994-1995, and Captain from 1996-1997; 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 Kurpetski 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 former Captain John Kurpetski for 50 years of distinguished  
service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-  
smitted to former Captain John Kurpetski.