

## 2015-J5199

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Angelo Nero upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 years of dedicated service to the Valatie 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 proud to commend Firefighter Angelo Nero upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 51 years of dedicated service to the Valatie Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Nero joined the Valatie Fire Department on February 6, 1965; he also served with the Valatie Rescue Squad, and for a period served as its Captain; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Nero served as the President of the Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters' Association; in addition, he served as Head Chef for the Valatie Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner for 16 years and as a member of its Halloween Committee since 1971; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Firefighter Angelo Nero has been the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee of the Lafayette Chemical Company of the Valatie Fire Department; 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; Angelo

Nero is such a firefighter; throughout 51 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 Angelo Nero for 51 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Angelo Nero.