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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Carl Rosenberger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Hortonville 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 honor Firefighter Carl Rosenberger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Hortonville 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, The period around 1956 was a time when many communities revolved around their local fire department; it was also the year 18-year-old Carl Rosenberger joined the Hortonville Fire Department; and WHEREAS, A soft spoken gentlemen who leads by example, Carl Rosenberger spent 13 years as Fire Chief; in addition, he has served as the chairman of the Hortonville Field Day and continues to march in parades throughout the county; and WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and

indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; and WHEREAS, Carl Rosenberger's love for his community and for helping others has kept him a true asset to the Hortonville Fire Department for six decades; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his loving wife, Kay, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; 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; Carl Rosenberger 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 honor Firefighter Carl Rosenberger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Hortonville Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Carl Rosenberger.