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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Dennis Banuat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the North Branch 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 Dennis Banuat upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the North Branch Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Inspection and Awards Dinner on Saturday, August 13, 2016, at the Rockland House in Roscoe, New York; 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, For five decades, Dennis Banuat served as an active member of the North Branch Fire Company in North Branch, New York; for many of those years, he served his community as the Assistant Fire Chief; 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, 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; Dennis Banuat 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 Firefighter Dennis Banuat for 50 years of distinguished service to the North Branch Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dennis Banuat.