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Senate Resolution No. 1081

BY: Senator ROBACH

HONORING Kenneth Preston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the North Greece Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kenneth Preston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the North Greece Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Banquet on Saturday, April 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Located in Monroe County, the North Greece Fire Department was established in 1922, and provides fire and emergency medical services to more than 25,000 residents; Kenneth Preston is one of only two members to achieve the level of 55 years active service in the

department's history; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure with the North Greece Fire Department, Kenneth Preston has served on the Board of Directors and as Department President for four years; in addition, he was on the Board of Fire Commissioners for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Preston continues to be extremely active in the department by responding to emergencies, Fire Police duties, drills, meetings and all fire department functions; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; 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; Kenneth Preston is such a firefighter; throughout 55 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 Kenneth Preston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 55 years of dedicated service to the North Greece Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Kenneth Preston.