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Senate Resolution No. 1255

BY: Senator RITCHIE

COMMENDING Firefighter Robert J. Johnston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Watertown 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 Robert J. Johnston upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Since joining the Department in 1967, Robert J. Johnston has been a devoted member who has held numerous leadership positions including Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief; 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; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. Johnston is such a firefighter and 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 Robert J. Johnston for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Robert J. Johnston.