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Senate Resolution No. 1271

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Firefighter Malcolm Smalley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Stottville Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 on May 5, 2017

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 Firefighter Malcolm Smalley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Stottville Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 to be celebrated at a party held in his honor on Friday, May 5, 2017, at Kozels Restaurant, in West Ghent, New York; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm Smalley, affectionately known to his friends and

family as Butch, joined the Stottville Fire Department on January 3, 1967; throughout his tenure, he has held numerous leadership positions including Vice President in 1969, and President and Captain through 1976, at times concurrently; and

WHEREAS, Butch Smalley also served as a Trustee, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and Captain to the Assistant Chief until 1985; and

WHEREAS, Since 1992, Butch Smalley has held the title of Secretary-Treasurer; in this capacity, he was instrumental in establishing both the Stottville Fire Company and the James Briscoe Scholarship at Columbia-Greene Community College; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Butch Smalley serves as the Commissioner of the Stockport Fire District and the Chairman of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his five decades of service, Butch Smalley accomplished many goals for the Company such as purchasing land and building a new firehouse, initiating Casino Nights, obtaining grants for a ladder truck and air packs through IBM, and in 1990, he became one of the First Responders; in the future, he hopes to procure a grant to repave the Company's parking lot and fix the drainage issues; 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;

Butch Smalley 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 honor Malcolm Smalley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Stottville Volunteer Fire Company No. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Malcolm Smalley.