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Senate Resolution No. 1844

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Arthur G. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

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 Arthur G. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Arthur G. Ferguson joined the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 on April 2, 1957; throughout his 60 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including:

Recording Secretary, 1957-1961; Temporary Rescue Captain, 1961; Assistant Chief, 1961-1967 and 1978-1982; and Chief, 1967-1973 and 1982-1984; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 60 years with Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Arthur G. Ferguson has served on countless committees, often leading and teaching new members; today, he continues to regularly attend company meetings, training sessions and prepares annual statistics for the Chief on departmental responses and individual responses; 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; Arthur G. Ferguson 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 Arthur G. Ferguson upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Company No. 1; and be it further

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

transmitted to Arthur G. Ferguson.