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Assembly Resolution No. 460

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HONORING Elton Cappiello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Fort Covington Fire & Rescue 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 Elton Cappiello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Fort Covington Fire & Rescue Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elton Cappiello, affectionately known as Cappy, joined the Fort Covington Fire & Rescue Department in 1942; throughout his 75 years of service, he held several positions within the Department including

Fire Chief for 25 years; in this capacity, he served as President of the New York State Fire Chief Association; and

WHEREAS, Elton Cappiello also held the title of Fire Coordinator for Franklin County from January 1, 1969 until August 18, 2001; in addition, he was a founding member of the New York State Fire Coordinators Association, where he held numerous leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, A New York State Fire Instructor, Elton Cappiello shared his vast knowledge and exceptional skills with hundreds of firefighters around the county and beyond; he also assisted the Canadian fire service in creating a Cross Border Mutual Aid System which is still utilized today; 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; Elton Cappiello is such a firefighter; throughout 75 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 Elton Cappiello upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 75 years of dedicated service to the Fort Covington Fire & Rescue Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elton Cappiello.