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Senate Resolution No. 3886

BY: Senator JACOBS

HONORING Firefighter Greg Belcher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the River Road Volunteer Fire Company

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 Greg Belcher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the River Road Volunteer Fire Company; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 89th Annual Installation Dinner and Ceremony on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Sheraton at the Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, The River Road Volunteer Fire Company was formed in 1929, and is the smallest firematic district in the Town of Tonawanda; 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, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; Greg Belcher is such a firefighter; throughout 35 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 Firefighter Greg Belcher upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 35 years of dedicated service to the River Road Volunteer Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Greg Belcher.