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Senate Resolution No. 3987

BY: Senator BONACIC

COMMENDING Firefighter William Pillmeier, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 63 years of dedicated service to the Highland Engine & Hose Company

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 William Pillmeier, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 63 years of dedicated service to the Highland Engine & Hose Company to be celebrated on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 16, Pine Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Pillmeier, Jr. joined the Highland Engine & Hose Company, Florida, New York, on July 2, 1955; 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; William Pillmeier, Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout 63 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 William Pillmeier, Jr. for 63 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William Pillmeier, Jr.