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Assembly Resolution No. 914

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HONORING Dick Perkins for 50 years of dedicated service to the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those brave citizens within our midst, who have played a significant role in making our community a great place to live, and to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices they have made to ensure the safety and the advancement of the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Within every community in the State of New York, there are certain individuals who unselfishly devote themselves to public service, and demonstrate great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dick Perkins for 50 years of dedicated service to the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, April 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dick Perkins joined the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department in September of 1967; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished tenure with the Skaneateles

Volunteer Fire Department, Dick Perkins rose through the ranks, serving as Recording Secretary from 1971 to 1972, Assistant Fire Chief from 1973 to 1975, Fire Chief from 1976 to 1982, Vice President in 2013, and then President from 2014 to today; and

WHEREAS, The Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department, which was formally authorized by the Village Board of Trustees in 1833, presently has three stations and 100 members on its roster; the department provides the residents of Skaneateles with services in the event of fire and medical emergencies, or other occurrences that may threaten the public welfare, answering hundreds of calls each year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the long history of the Skaneateles Fire Department, one thing has remained constant -- the dedication, hard work, commitment and sacrifices of outstanding men and women like Dick Perkins; and

WHEREAS, Dick Perkins has volunteered his time year in and year out, working long hours to protect the lives and properties of his fellow neighbors in the Skaneateles community; and

WHEREAS, Now, 50 years later, Dick Perkins continues to serve the residents of Skaneateles as President of the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department; he is retired and will serve out his last year as President in 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dick Perkins for his 50 years of dedicated service to the

Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department and to the residents of Skaneateles and surrounding areas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dick Perkins.