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Senate Resolution No. 4794

BY: Senator SEWARD

HONORING Carl G. French upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Commitment to Community Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce on April 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carl G. French upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Commitment to Community Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its annual dinner on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at the Unadilla First United Methodist Church in Unadilla, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Unadilla, Carl G. French proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1963-1969; dedicated to his fellow veterans, he worked with the mayor to establish the Unadilla Veterans Memorial to pay homage to the village's soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Carl G. French has held the position of village

code enforcer; he has also served with the Unadilla and Sidney Police Departments, as bailiff for the Unadilla Town Court, and in various capacities with the Unadilla Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 55-year career with the Unadilla Fire Department, Carl G. French has held numerous positions including first and second assistant fire chief, and fire chief, a title he held for 13 years; in the early 2000s, he was instrumental in moving the Unadilla Fire Department to its current location on Clifton Street; and

WHEREAS, Carl G. French has also served as lieutenant of the fire police, and president of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the Firemen's Association of the State of New York; since 1983, he has held the position of Otsego County fire department coordinator for the county's southern region; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to the Unadilla Fire Department, Carl G. French was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the 1990 Gary Goodier Service Award in 1990, and a certificate of appreciation by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control; in addition, he was named Otsego County's 2006 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Carl G. French has volunteered for many years as an Otsego County judge of various community parades; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, their two daughters, Tammy Steinberg and Shelly Stanton, and three grandchildren,

Danielle, Tommy and Tory, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carl G. French upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2018 Commitment to Community Award by the Unadilla Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carl G. French.