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Senate Resolution No. 5464

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Assistant Fire Chief George Clark
upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 years
of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and
indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery
every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, 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 congratulate
Assistant Fire Chief George Clark upon the occasion of his retirement
after 33 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, George Clark has continually
demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and
diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and
profession and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious
honor; and

WHEREAS, George Clark began his illustrious firefighting career with

the Utica Fire Department on April 19, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his profession and his fellow firefighters, George Clark served the Utica Fire Department in several capacities, including Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Deputy Chief, Union President, and Assistant Chief, the esteemed position from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife and son, who have both shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected men and women 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, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by George Clark over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Fire Chief George Clark upon the occasion of his retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the Utica Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief George Clark.