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Assembly Resolution No. 1387

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COMMENDING Gordon Wren Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of distinguished service to Rockland County

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gordon Wren Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of distinguished service to Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Wren Jr. began his long and illustrious public service career as a fire inspector with the Town of Ramapo; he then worked for the Building and Zoning Department; and

WHEREAS, From 1977-1983, Gordon Wren Jr. served as Chief Instructor

for Rockland County, and for the next eight years, he was the County's Deputy Fire Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Wren Jr. was named the Rockland County Fire Coordinator in 1991, and assumed the title of Director of Fire and Emergency Services in 1995, the position from which he officially retired on April 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Gordon Wren Jr. has served as a volunteer firefighter with the Hillcrest Fire Department for 52 years; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the residents of Rockland County, Gordon Wren Jr. is a member of the Illegal Housing Task Force, where he has diligently worked to eradicate unlawful and substandard housing, especially in the Town of Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Gordon Wren Jr. enjoys leading hikes in Harriman State Park for both the Historical Society of Rockland and the Palisades Interstate Parks Region; and

WHEREAS, For over 25 years, Gordon Wren Jr. rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Rockland County, earning him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Gordon Wren Jr. over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; 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, 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; Gordon Wren Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout more than 25 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 Gordon Wren Jr. upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of distinguished service to Rockland County, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gordon Wren Jr.