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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Wayne Roberts upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department

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 Wayne Roberts upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his many years of devoted service, Wayne Roberts has ably served the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department in numerous capacities, including Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Roberts currently serves as Fire Commissioner and has been an integral part of many of the department's activities including the rebuilding of the Upper Jay Fire Department's firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Wayne Roberts played a substantial role in the Hurricane Irene Relief Effort; working closely with FEMA, he was instrumental in bringing much needed relief to victims on behalf of the Upper Jay Fire Department as well as the residents of Upper Jay, New York; 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; Wayne Roberts is such a firefighter; throughout five decades 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 Wayne Roberts for 50 years of distinguished service to the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Wayne Roberts.