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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Charles Whitehead upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2

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 Charles Whitehead upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2, to be celebrated on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at the Springside Inn in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A Union Springs Schools graduate, Charles Whitehead is an original member of Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2, having joined the department in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Charles Whitehead operated a farm in the Town of Fleming, and owned and operated Whitehead Water Service in Auburn, New York for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, Charles Whitehead has served on the Board of Directors for Fleming Rural cemetery and also delivered for Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his late wife, Jane, with him throughout have been his loving family of three children, Jack, David and Amy, as well as his four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Charles

Whitehead is such a firefighter; throughout 70 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 Firefighter Charles Whitehead upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 70 years of dedicated service to Fleming Fire Department Company No. 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charles Whitehead.