

## 2013-J1060

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter John Wright upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake 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 John Wright upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, John Wright will be honored by the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department for his long and dedicated service to the company over the past 60 years at its Installation Dinner on Saturday, May 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Wright joined the Fire Company in 1953; for 25 years he was a First Responder and Interior Firefighter; he has also ably served as President of the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, When John Wright ceased serving as a First Responder he dedicated his time to administrative duties for the Company; to this day, at age 90, he serves as a fundraiser for the company by assisting in putting on the company Poker Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, John Wright is a proud veteran of World War II; as a member of the U.S. Eighth Air Force, he was stationed in England for several years as a member of the ground staff who kept the B-17s flying; 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; John

Wright is such a firefighter; throughout 60 years of devoted service, he has 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 John Wright for 60 years of distinguished service to the Averill Park - Sand Lake Volunteer Fire Department and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Wright.