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**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 23, 2014, A.D.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 23rd day of January, 2014 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

*WHEREAS, Paul D. Gernatt has achieved an outstanding milestone by serving the Collins Center Volunteer Fire Company for 50 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul D. Gernatt, lovingly known as "Digger", has tirelessly served this staple of his community in many capacities; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt is a graduate of the Erie County Fire Police and New York State Fire Police training courses; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt is a life member of the Erie County Fire Police Association; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt has served as the Fire Police Captain for Collins Center for over 35 years and has worked the Command Post at the Erie County Fair for many years; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt was named Fireman of the Year for Collins Center in 1989 and 2002, and was awarded the Erie County Fire Policeman of the Year in 2003; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt assisted in the rescue of a man in an airplane crash on Route 39 and one year later in a restaurant the man recognized "Digger" and thanked him and the Collins Center Fire Company once again for a job well done; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt was Parade Marshal for the Collins Center Fire parades during the 1960s and has secretly been Santa Claus at the fire hall for the children; and*

*WHEREAS, Paul "Digger" Gernatt is notorious for his secret barbeque sauce.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and thank Paul D. Gernatt for his outstanding commitment of 50 Years of service to the Collins Center Volunteer Fire Company and service to his community.*

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**John J. Mills**  
*Chairman of the Legislature of Erie County*

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**Scott Kroll**  
*Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County*