

Proclamation

Whereas, John G. Turner settled in Ellington in 1956 and raised his family here; and

Whereas, John G. Turner served his community as a member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department from 1956 until his death in 1968; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, established and implemented the first organized training programs for firefighters, serving as the Department's Drillmaster for several years; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, played a key role in organizing and running the Tolland County Firefighters' Muster which was an annual event featuring friendly competition between all of the fire departments in Tolland County; and

Whereas, John G. Turner was an active member of the Fire Department Truck Committee, which was instrumental in the purchase of the Department's first Engine Tank Pumper in 1966; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, supported the Fire Department's community events having served as Chairperson of the First Firefighters Parade held in conjunction with their annual carnival; and

Whereas, John G. Turner, in responding to a fire call in 1968, died in the line of duty when he suffered a heart attack while attempting to fight the blaze; and

Whereas, John G. Turner demonstrated extraordinary dedication to his community and his tragic death caused much sorrow among its residents;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael P. Stupinski, First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, on behalf of all its citizens, and by order of the Board of Selectmen, do hereby induct John G. Turner to the Ellington Wall of Honor in recognition of all his contributions to the Town of Ellington, and especially for the ultimate sacrifice he made while serving his community.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Ellington to be affixed this sixth day of September 2003.





Michael P. Stupinski
First Selectman