

## 2009-J662

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Department; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated at the Department's 69th Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony, to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009, at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, A member of the North Amityville Fire Department since 1994, Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry celebrated his 15th Anniversary in the Department in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Prior to holding the office of Chief of the North Amityville Fire Department (2007-2008), Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry has held the offices of Lieutenant of Fire (1997-1998), Captain of Fire (1999-2000), Third Assistant Chief (2001-2002), Second Assistant Chief (2003-2004), and First Assistant Chief (2005-2006); and

WHEREAS, Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry has been a driving force in the North Amityville Fire Department and could always be counted on by the Department for his service and professionalism; he is greatly respected and has been an unforgettable firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Recently widowed after 35 years of marriage to his late wife, Betty, Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry is the father of seven children; he has 32 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; 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; Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry is such a firefighter; throughout his many 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 Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Outgoing Chief Shelley Henry, North Amityville Fire Department, North Amityville, New York.