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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Emergency Company 5 of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to Emergency Company 5 of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service in the National Guard, Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano joined the Hicksville Fire Department on December 9, 1959; and

WHEREAS, Displaying exemplary leadership skills and an unwavering commitment, Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano served in numerous positions within Emergency Company 5 of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department and was elected as its 26th Captain in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano was a Charter member of the Fire Police and served as their Lieutenant from 1989-1990, and was elected as their Captain in 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, Aside from elected service, Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano was a member of the Rescue Squad for four decades; he also served on many Department committees, most notably, as Chairman of both the Department Dinner Committee and the Department Fund Drive; moreover, he has been serving in the capacity of Trustee in the EXEMPTS Association since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano is a proud member of Firemen's

Association State of New York (FASNY) and Nassau County Firefighters Association (NCFA) and the New York State Fire Police Association (NYSFPA); and

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, 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; Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to

Emergency Company 5 of the Hicksville Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Captain Charles DiStefano.