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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief Walter W. Singer, III upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst 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 Walter W. Singer, III upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at the Department's 53rd Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Chief Walter W. Singer, III joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department on March 13, 1984; he became a member of Engine Company No. 1 and is still a member of that company; and

WHEREAS, Serving as Chief of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, 1996-1998 and in 2007, 2008 and 2009, Walter W. Singer, III was First Deputy Chief, 1993-1996 and 2005-2007, and Second Deputy Chief, 1992-1993 and 2003-2005; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Walter W. Singer, III was the Captain, First Lieutenant, and Second Lieutenant of Engine Company No. 1; he also served as Captain, Lieutenant, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Rescue Squad and Secretary/Treasurer of the Drill Team; and

WHEREAS, Among many awards received by Walter W. Singer, III during and throughout his career with the North Lindenhurst Fire Department are: Rescue Call of the Year (Life Saving Award), High Department percentage, High Rescue Call percentage, High Overall percentage, High Company percentage, and High Rescue percentage; and

WHEREAS, A member of both the Homeland Security Team and Haz/Mat

Response Team for Suffolk County and the Town of Babylon, Outgoing Chief Walter W. Singer, III is one of the first junior members of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department to achieve the rank of Chief of the Department; his son, Brian, is presently a junior member of the Department and elected to the position of First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Walter W. Singer, III is a retired Sergeant with the New York Police Department; he is a life-long resident of North Lindenhurst where he resides with his wife, Ellen, and two sons, Ryan and Tyler; and

WHEREAS, The faithful service to the North Lindenhurst Volunteer Fire Department rendered by Outgoing Chief Walter W. Singer, III has been extraordinarily beneficial to the membership of the Department and to the residents of the North Lindenhurst community; 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 Walter W. Singer, III 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 Walter W. Singer, III upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Outgoing Chief Walter W. Singer, III, North Lindenhurst Fire Department, 1630 Straight Path, North Lindenhurst, New York 11757.