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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Honorary Chief Henry Harden upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park 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 Honorary Chief Henry Harden upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on April 9, 2011, at the Department's Annual Installation Dinner, to be held at Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Chief Henry Harden was appointed to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on May 2, 1961, and has rendered almost 50 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the Department; and

WHEREAS, The New Hyde Park Fire Department was founded in 1910; 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; Honorary Chief Henry Harden 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 Honorary Chief Henry Harden upon the occasion of his designation

for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honorary Chief Henry Harden.