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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex Chief John W. Farraday upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Syosset 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter John W. Farraday upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Syosset Fire Department to be observed at its 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Fire Headquarters in Syosset, New York, on Saturday, May 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Born November 11, 1941, in Corona, Queens, New York, John W. Farraday, along with his family, later moved to Valley Stream, New York, in 1953 and settled into what would become the Farraday family home on Jackson Court in Syosset, New York; almost 60 years later, Jack, as he is known to most, and Betty, his school sweetheart, still reside there today; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Syosset High School, John W. Farraday worked in various jobs, including at Triple S Cleaners and Nick's Sunoco; he joined the Syosset Fire Department (SFD) in March of 1961; and

WHEREAS, Upon joining the SFD, John W. Farraday was already a member of the United States Naval Reserve; later in 1961, he went to active duty status and proudly served his country aboard the U.S.S. Arcadia, a Klondike-class destroyer tender, until 1964; and

WHEREAS, After returning to Syosset, John W. Farraday applied for a

position with the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD), and in August of 1965, he was sworn into the NCPD; he worked as a patrolman in the Sixth Precinct, in Manhasset for the next seven years before joining the NCPD's elite-Bureau of Special Operations in 1972; six years later, Jack was promoted to Detective and went back to the Sixth Precinct Detective Squad, where he served for over two decades, until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, John W. Farraday has had a distinguished career in his half-century in the fire service, serving as Lieutenant and Captain of Company 5 and rising up the ranks of the Chief's Office, culminating in his term as Chief of Department from April 1979 to April 1980; and

WHEREAS, Involved in many local and state firematic associations, including serving as President of the Fifth Battalion Chiefs organization from 1989 to 1991, John W. Farraday was named the SFD's 1980 Fireman of the Year and has faithfully kept the books of Company 5 as its Treasurer since 1993; and

WHEREAS, John W. Farraday has been described as one of the better examples of American manhood, intelligent, industrious, capable, and eager to learn; he is ambitious and dependable, polite and courteous and has a wide circle of friends; 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, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Betty Winkler, their three wonderful children, John, Coleen, and Michele, and six adoring grandchildren, Courtney, Erin, John, Caitlyn, Gregory, and Grayson, all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During the summer months, the Farradays enjoy spending time with family at their beloved log cabin home in Bolton Landing; 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; John W. Farraday 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 Firefighter Ex Chief John W. Farraday for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex Chief John W. Farraday.