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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Douglas J. Symington upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Firefighter Douglas J. Symington upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 55th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Douglas J. Symington entered the North Lindenhurst Fire Department on June 8, 1987; after completing his firematic training Doug began his volunteer firematic service to the North Lindenhurst community; and

WHEREAS, Douglas J. Symington has been the recipient of numerous and various certificates reflecting his dedication to the fire and rescue service; and

WHEREAS, Douglas J. Symington's interest in training throughout his career has earned him Officer positions with Engine Heavy Rescue Company No. 1; he was elected 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Captain; and

WHEREAS, After completing his term of Captain, Douglas J. Symington proceeded to hold the position of Trustee to the Executive Board for several years; and

WHEREAS, Douglas J. Symington is presently a Trustee on the Executive Board; he is responsible for department property, recommendations, financial expenditures and inventories; he also serves on numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Beth, and their two

children, Joseph and Samantha, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Douglas J. Symington is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Douglas J. Symington for 25 years of distinguished service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Douglas J. Symington.