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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Chief Kenneth Beck as he is honored for 50 years of distinguished service to the Syosset Fire Department on May 12, 2012

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, 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 the tribute and recognition of all citizens of their community, their State and the Nation; 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 Ex-Chief Kenneth Beck as he is honored for 50 years of distinguished service to the Syosset Fire Department at the Department's 97th Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner, to be held at the Crest Hollow Country Club on Saturday, May 12, 2012; 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, Ex-Chief Kenneth Beck joined the Syosset Fire Department 50 years ago and has ably served the Department in many capacities; 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-Chief Kenneth Beck is such a firefighter; throughout more than 50 years of devoted service, he has 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-Chief Kenneth Beck for his distinguished service to the Syos-

set Fire Department upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Department at its Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner on May 12, 2012; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Kenneth Beck.