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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing Chief Edward J. Kraus for his distinguished service to the North Bellmore 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 Outgoing Chief Edward J. Kraus for his distinguished service to the North Bellmore Fire Department as he is honored at the Department's Annual Installation Dinner, to be held at the Huntington Hilton in Melville, New York, on Saturday, May 5, 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, 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 Edward J. Kraus is such a firefighter; throughout his many years of devoted service, he has heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; 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 their nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Outgoing Chief Edward J. Kraus for his exemplary and distinguished service to the North Bellmore Fire Department and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Outgoing Chief Edward J. Kraus.