

## 2013-J11

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the volunteers of the Bellmore Fire Department upon the occasion of being recognized as Bellmore Herald's People of the Year 2012

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who would devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the volunteers of the Bellmore Fire Department upon the occasion of being recognized as Bellmore Herald's People of the Year 2012; and

WHEREAS, As Hurricane Sandy slammed into the South Shore on October 29, 2012, Bellmore Fire Department boat crews were out in the storm, slowly, carefully motoring down flooded Bellmore streets; and

WHEREAS, Many Bellmore residents, realizing that water had consumed their community, immediately turned around and returned to their houses; others, tried to make it to higher ground, only to find that there was none to be found; and

WHEREAS, Risking their own lives, the valiant firefighters of the Bellmore Fire Department ferried countless residents to dry land, and continuously searched for residents who were trapped by floodwaters and in danger of drowning; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath stretched the Bellmore Fire Department to its limits, with volunteers responding to dozens of calls in a short period of time, saving countless lives and property; and

WHEREAS, In the weeks following the storm, the Bellmore Fire Department responded to an additional 250 calls; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individ-

uals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the volunteers of the Bellmore Fire Department upon the occasion of being recognized as Bellmore Herald's People of the Year 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bellmore Fire Department.