LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing Fire Chief Michael Kilbridge for his devoted service to the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

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 Fire Chief Michael Kilbridge for his devoted service to the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers ceremony at their Headquarters, in Farmingdale, New York, on Saturday, January 19, 2013; 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; Michael Kilbridge is such a firefighter; throughout his many years of loyal 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 outgoing Fire Chief Michael Kilbridge for his devoted service to the East Farmingdale Volunteer Fire Company; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Fire Chief Michael Kilbridge.