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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Chief Louis Santosus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Volunteer 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 recognize and commend Ex-Chief Louis Santosus upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Louis Santosus will fittingly be honored at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Company One of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at the Swan Club in Roslyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Louis Santosus has been a dedicated and valued member of Company No.1 of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Vice President and President and rising through the ranks to serve as Captain and then as Chief of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, He has been a Chairman of numerous committees as well as Fireman of the Year of Company No. 1, the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department, and the Town of Hempstead; and

WHEREAS, Louis Santosus has also been an active member of the community, serving as Little League Manager, a Mineola Village Board Trustee, and Deputy Mayor for a period of seventeen years, and is currently serving as a member of the Fire Council and of the Nassau Country Critical Incidence Stress Management Team; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Louis Santosus is a lifelong Mineola resident; he attended Mineola Public Schools, graduating in 1962; he joined the Mineola Junior Fire Department in 1963 and has advanced through the ranks of Engine Company One where he has been an active firefighter for

the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Ex-Chief Louis Santosus served ably as Vice President, President, Second Lieutenant, and First Lieutenant and led the company as Captain and served as Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief, and Chief of the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Louis Santosus was, in addition, named Company One Firefighter of the Year, Town of North Hempstead Firefighter of the Year, and Firefighter of the Year of the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as First Assistant Chief, Ex-Chief Louis Santosus, with support from the Department, built up the Mineola Junior Fire Department into the premier Junior Fire Department in the region; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, after serving as Chief of the Mineola Fire Department, Louis Santosus served on the Village of Mineola board for 17 years, as Trustee and Deputy Mayor; and

WHEREAS, His service to the Mineola Fire Department continued through his service as Secretary, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the First Battalion Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, Louis Santosus is currently serving as a Charter Member of the Nassau County Critical Incidence Stress Management Team, and as Warden of Engine Company One of the Mineola Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, With Ex-Chief Louis Santosus throughout have been his wife Patricia and their four children, Patti, Bonnie, Gary, and Brian and, more recently, his nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Louis Santosus is justly proud that Brian is an Ex-Captain of Company One and that both Brian and Gary are Lieutenants in the F.D.N.Y.; 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; Louis Santosus is such a firefighter; throughout 50 years of devoted service, this volunteer 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 Louis Santosus for 50 years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Louis Santosus.