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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing Chief Vincent F. Modica for his distinguished service to the Floral Park 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, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and 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 and express its appreciation to outgoing Chief Vincent F. Modica for his distinguished service to the Floral Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, Vincent F. Modica faithfully served the Floral Park Fire Department as Fire Chief from 2012 until 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; Vincent F. Modica is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 outgoing Chief Vincent F. Modica for his exemplary and distinguished service to the Floral Park Fire Department; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to outgoing Chief Vincent F. Modica.