

## 2013-J629

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Ex-Chief Nicholas Martone of the Mineola Fire Department, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nicholas Martone died on February 11, 2013, at the age of 83; he was the most senior ex-chief in the Mineola Fire Department and the patriarch of a fire service family; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Martone was a lifelong resident of the Village of Mineola, attending Mineola schools, running a business in the village and raising his family there as well; he joined Engine Company Three of the Mineola Fire Department in 1950; and

WHEREAS, As an enlisted member of the United States Navy, Nicholas Martone had to leave his service to the village to serve his country when he was called in 1951 during the Korean War; after serving in the military, he returned in 1953 and went back to operate the family business, Martone's Garage; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Martone was an active firefighter and a strong advocate for his fellow firefighters; these distinct qualities gave way to his election as Warden from 1954-1958; in 1958, he was elected Second Lieutenant of Engine Three and after two years as Lieutenant, he was elected Captain in 1960; and

WHEREAS, This leadership experience gave Nicholas Martone the confidence and support of the department as he sought to enter the Chief's office in 1962; serving for four years as as Assistant Chief from 1962-1966, he worked many major fires and continued to lead the department; in 1966, he was elected by his peers to become Chief of the Department; and

WHEREAS, After completing his time in the Chief's office Chief Nicholas Martone remained an active part of the administration of the Mineola Fire Department; through the 1970s and 1980s, he was elected multiple

times to represent his company as a Warden on the Fire Council along with serving as department treasurer and company trustee; and WHEREAS, Chief Nicholas Martone prided himself as one of the charter advisors for the Mineola Junior Fire Department, which has become a world-renowned success; with an unprecedented 62 years of active service in the Mineola Fire Department, he provided wisdom and insight that spanned many generations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Nicholas Martone was predeceased by his wife, Rosemary, and is survived by their children, Cathy, Drew, Nancy, Nicky, and Carol, their grandchildren, Andrew, Melissa, Joe, Lex, Shannon, Nicholas II, Erikalyn, Morgan, Nick and Stephen, as well as a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with the sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Chief Nicholas Martone leaves behind a great legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Ex-Chief Nicholas Martone of the Mineola Fire Department, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Chief Nicholas Martone.