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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Outgoing President Captain Kevin Connell upon the completion of his outstanding service as President of the North Lindenhurst 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 commend Outgoing President Captain Kevin Connell upon the occasion of his outstanding service as President of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Connell will be honored at the Department's 56th Annual Installation Dinner to be held at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, New York on Saturday, March 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Outgoing President Kevin Connell joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department on March 13, 1972; his father John Connell was also a member and his influence contributed to Kevin's interest in fire service; Kevin's son Christopher is a third generation volunteer member and is presently an Ex-Captain of Engine Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Connell has held several positions in the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; in 1975 he was elected Lieutenant of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department Drill Team and, in 1976, he was elected to the position of Captain; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kevin Connell continues to play a major role and be a major influence with the Piston Knockers Drill Team and its history; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 the Piston Knockers earned the title of New York State Champions; Kevin Connell is justly proud of the Piston Knockers' accomplishments and works constantly preparing the team for success meeting their goals each season; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department has also benefited from Kevin Connell's service as a Trustee, 2nd Vice

President, 1st Vice President and President; and

WHEREAS, In December 2011, Kevin Connell was again elected to the position of President; he has also served on numerous committees and his leadership on the Executive Board has contributed significantly to the successful growth of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Connell and his wife, Carol live in North Lindenhurst where they enjoy spending time with their three grandsons; 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; Kevin Connell is such a firefighter; throughout 41 years of devoted service, Kevin Connell 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 President Captain Kevin Connell upon the completion of his outstanding service as President of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Connell.