

## 2015-J747

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Abner Vasquez upon the occasion of being named Firefighter of the Year by the Roosevelt Fire District on March 14, 2015

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 honor Abner Vasquez upon the occasion of being named Firefighter of the Year by the Roosevelt Fire District to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on March 14, 2015, at Jericho Terrace, Mineola, New York; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Chief Derrick Fennell, this year, the Roosevelt Fire District will celebrate its 103rd Anniversary; 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; Abner Vasquez is such a firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Abner Vasquez upon the occasion of being named Firefighter of the

Year by the Roosevelt Fire District on March 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Abner Vasquez.