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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing Chief Daniel Bennett upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after numerous years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department, Floral Park, New York

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 Chief Daniel Bennett upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after numerous years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Chateau Briand, Carle Place, New York; and

WHEREAS, On September 10, 1973, Daniel Bennett became a member of Floral Park's Alert Engine One; four years later, he and his wife Maria, relocated to Malverne, New York, where he became a part of the Malverne Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to Floral Park in 1985, Daniel Bennett joined the Fire Department's Rescue Company; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Daniel Bennett transferred to Floral Park's Active Engine company where he rose through the ranks, holding the position of Company Captain on two separate occasions; and

WHEREAS, Nineteen years later, Daniel Bennett returned to the Rescue Company and faithfully served as 4th Assistant Chief in 2010, the 3rd Assistant Chief in 2011, the 2nd Assistant Chief in 2012, and the 1st

Assistant Chief in 2013; in 2014, he earned the prestigious rank of Department Chief, a position he held until 2015; 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; Daniel Bennett is such a firefighter; throughout numerous years of devoted service, this volunteer 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 Daniel Bennett for numerous years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Chief Daniel Bennett.