

## 2015-J965

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending outgoing Chief Michael Benloss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc.

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend outgoing Chief Michael Benloss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc. to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner and Awards Ceremony, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppauge, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Michael Benloss began serving the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc. as an EMT; rising through the ranks, he served as Rescue Lieutenant, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Third Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief, First Assistant Chief, and Chief; 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; Michael Benloss is such a firefighter; throughout his many 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 Michael Benloss upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc.; and be it further

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