

## 2015-J1389

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending ex-Captain Ronald Kestenbaum upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to 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 ex-Captain Ronald Kestenbaum upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 58th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the East Wind Caterers in Wading River, New York; and

WHEREAS, In January 1970, Ronald Kestenbaum joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; he is a past member of Engine Company No. 1, and currently, serves as a member of Engine Company No. 2; his record contains several firefighting certificates; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished service to Engine Company No. 2, Ronald Kestenbaum held several line officer positions including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, and Secretary/Treasurer of Rescue; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ronald Kestenbaum held various Executive Board positions including Recording Secretary and Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Ronald Kestenbaum is a Junior Fire Department Advisor, Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee, and a member of the Investigating Committee; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of North Lindenhurst, Ronald Kestenbaum recently retired from the Town of Babylon after many years of faithful public service; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Ellen, whom feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements;

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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; Ronald Kestenbaum is such a firefighter; throughout 45 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 ex-Captain Ronald Kestenbaum upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 45 years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Captain Ronald Kestenbaum.