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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending ex-Captain Leon Gumowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 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 Leon Gumowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 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 May 1974, Leon Gumowski joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, assigned to Hook, Ladder and Engine Company No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Leon Gumowski proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; upon his return home in 1980, Leon resumed active status with the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished service to Hook, Ladder and Engine Company No. 3, Leon Gumowski has held several line officer positions including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and Captain; and

WHEREAS, Since the establishment of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, three generations of the Gumowski family have been active members including Leon's father who served as Chief of Department from 1964 to 1966; his late son, Leon Gumowski III, who suddenly passed away in 2006; and his daughters; 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; Leon Gumowski is such a firefighter; throughout 40 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 Leon Gumowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 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 Leon Gumowski.