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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending ex-Chief Anthony Raccomandato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 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-Chief Anthony Raccomandato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 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 1981, 14-year-old Anthony Raccomandato joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department as a Junior member; he continued to be an active member of the Juniors until he applied for membership as an active Firefighter in January of 1985; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1985, Anthony Raccomandato became a member of the Piston Knockers drill team; and

WHEREAS, During his probationary period, Anthony Raccomandato completed all necessary training certificates; in 1987, his exceptional active membership earned him two awards, Overall Department and High Department Percentage; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Engine Company No. 2, Anthony Raccomandato attained several line officer positions including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, and Captain; and

WHEREAS, In December 1995, Anthony Raccomandato was elected to the esteemed position of 2nd Deputy Chief; rising through the ranks, he was promoted to 1st Deputy Chief, and then Chief of Department, a position he held until December 2000; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998, Anthony Raccomandato was instrumental in helping the Piston Knocker Drill Team capture the New York State Drill Team Championship; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Babylon, New York, Anthony Raccomandato has served on several committees, and is presently a Trustee for the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their two sons, whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Anthony Raccomandato is such a firefighter; throughout 30 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-Chief Anthony Raccomandato upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 30 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-Chief Anthony Raccomandato.