

## 2015-J1395

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Augustine DeRiggi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 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 Firefighter Augustine DeRiggi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 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 November 1990, Augustine DeRiggi joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department, assigned to Engine and Heavy Rescue Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Augustine DeRiggi enthusiastically completed his training and obtained his Suffolk County Fire School Certificate within one year of enrollment; his percentage has been maintained for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1991, Augustine DeRiggi was recognized by Suffolk County Department of Health Services for his assistance to resuscitate a patient, and thereby restoring his vital signs upon arrival at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious years of service, Augustine DeRiggi has participated in several committees, and is an active member of the softball team Hitmen; 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; Augustine DeRiggi is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Firefighter Augustine DeRiggi upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 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 Augustine DeRiggi.