

## 2015-J1397

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Michael Batho 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 Firefighter Michael Batho 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 December 1975, Michael Batho joined the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; since then, he has been an active member of Engine Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of North Lindenhurst, New York, Michael Batho is a proud member of the North Lindenhurst Fire Department Piston Knockers Drill Team; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the fire service of the North Lindenhurst community, Michael Batho's father, Richard, was also a firefighter in the department; 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 Batho 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 Firefighter Michael Batho 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 Michael Batho.