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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Gregory Colonna upon the occasion of his induction into the LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS Top 40 under 40

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Colonna has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gregory Colonna upon the occasion of his induction into the LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS Top 40 under 40 to be celebrated at the Halesite Fire Department's Installation Dinner in Halesite, New York, on Saturday, April 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Long Island University, Gregory Colonna is currently a Senior Benefits Consultant with Chernoff Diamond, and has provided outstanding service at several employee benefits consulting firms on Long Island for the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Gregory Colonna has diligently served his community as a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Halesite Fire Department, serving in a number of leadership positions throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Today, Gregory Colonna holds the esteemed rank of 1st Assistant Chief, and is one of the few Long Island volunteer firefighters to hold a certification as Chief Officer from the Suffolk County Fire Academy; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Gregory Colonna is often one of the first to answer the call in dangerous situations, selflessly putting his life at risk to help others; his outstanding leadership and commitment to train-

ing volunteers have proven to be invaluable to the Halesite Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Colonna has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; a devotee of the sport of lacrosse, he has coached sixth graders in the Police Athletic League; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous citations for his extraordinary service, Gregory Colonna was presented with the Presidential Call To Service Award in recognition of his over 4,000 hours of volunteer contributions; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gregory Colonna upon the occasion of his induction into the LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS Top 40 under 40; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregory Colonna.