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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award by the Sea Cliff Fire Department

WHEREAS, The firefighters of New York State are renowned throughout the Nation; their reputation is synonymous with excellence in the arduous fields of fire protection and prevention and public safety; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award by the Sea Cliff Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 131st Installation of Officers on Friday, May 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On October 10, 2014, the Sea Cliff Fire Department was notified of a male who had fallen off his bicycle; while responding to the firehouse, two members stopped at the scene to render assistance; upon arrival, the two members found a male lying in the street, not breathing, with no pulse; and

WHEREAS, At this time, the two members began CPR until 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest arrived, immediately taking over the CPR duties; an EMT and firefighter applied a defibrillator and ensured an open airway to administer oxygen and perform ventilations; and

WHEREAS, Although the situation could have been a dire one, today, the man is alive and well and 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest's quick and astute actions are credited with saving a life; this brave man is truly an asset to the residents of the Village of Sea Cliff; and

WHEREAS, Through his courageous and heroic actions, 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest demonstrated the traditions of honor, dedication, knowledge and compassion, exemplifying Sea Cliff's motto of conscientious, caring service; he showed the fire service tradition of

selflessness by risking his own life to save the life of another; his ability to react, presence of mind, and ability to maintain his composure under deteriorating conditions make him an example of a dedicated hero; 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; 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest is such a firefighter; throughout many 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 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award by the Sea Cliff Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest.