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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Leonard Garofalo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company

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 honor Firefighter Leonard Garofalo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the New Hyde Park Inn, New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed 1st Lieutenant served as a Commissioner on the Board, and as a member of numerous committees, including the uniform committee, and 132 Truck committee; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of the First Battalion EOC since its inception, Leonard Garofalo was an active member of the Company, attending drills, meetings, and department operations; in addition, he had recently retired from Nassau County Bridge operations; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Leonard Garofalo is survived by his brother, Tommy; 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, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and

indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their jobs with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; Leonard Garofalo was such a firefighter; throughout his 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 honor Firefighter Leonard Garofalo posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Floral Park Centre Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tommy Garofalo.