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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Howard Rutherig, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the 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 Howard Rutherig, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner, on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Hilton Long Island, Melville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Amityville, New York, Howard Rutherig, Jr. was raised in Lindenhurst, New York, and attended its local public schools; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1955, Howard Rutherig, Jr. became a dedicated member of Breslau Engine Company No. 1 of the Lindenhurst Fire Department; today, he remains an active participant of this vital organization; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the Lindenhurst Fire Department, Howard Rutherig, Jr. has held several leadership positions, including Captain and Fire Council member for three terms; in addition, he served on both the German Festival Committee and on the Truck Committee, which involved the purchase of fire vehicles 1-6-3 and 1-6-11; and

WHEREAS, Howard Rutherig, Jr. is a life member of the "Snails" Drill Team, and a representative of the Fireman's Association of New York (FASNY); and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, and their four children, Howard III, Alan, Kim and Barbara, as well as their 11 grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Howard Rutherig, Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout 60 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 Howard Rutherig, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Howard Rutherig, Jr.