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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring ex-Chief George Groh posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 former Chief George Groh posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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, George Groh served his country proudly as a member of the United States Navy, and was a devoted member of the Floral Park Centre Fire Company for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, During his five decades of distinguished service, this esteemed firefighter served as Chief of Department, and President of the Floral Park Centre Fire Company Board of Commissioners, as well as Chairman of the 1st Battalion Chiefs Association and Chairman of the Nassau County Fire Commission; and

WHEREAS, George Groh is survived by his wife, Dotty, and his two daughters; 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, 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; George Groh was such a firefighter; throughout his 50 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 ex-Chief George Groh posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 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 the family of ex-Chief George Groh.