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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Neal Ressa, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the 2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Neal Ressa, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the 2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department; this momentous occasion was celebrated at its 13th Annual Junior's Installation Dinner at its

Department Hall in Mineola, New York, on Saturday, April 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Neal Ressa, Jr. is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mineola High School where he is a member of the lacrosse and football teams; his work ethic, initiative and willingness to go above and beyond what he is called to do have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, Since August of 2013, Neal Ressa, Jr. has been an exemplary and extremely active member of the Mineola Junior Fire Department; he has since gone through the ranks as Lieutenant and currently serves as the department's Captain; and

WHEREAS, With a passion for our country's Armed Services, Neal Ressa, Jr. dreams of attending West Point Academy and hopes to serve the United States as a member of its military; in addition, he plans to continue his fire service as a member of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department; 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; Neal Ressa, Jr. desires to be such a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Junior Firefighter now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by Senior Firefighters, mentors, and his parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Neal Ressa, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation as the 2015 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Junior Firefighter Neal Ressa, Jr.