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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Gary W. Smithing upon the occasion of his installation as Chief of the Williston Park Fire Department for the second time

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 justly proud to congratulate Gary W. Smithing upon the occasion of his installation as Chief of the Williston Park Fire Department for the second time, to be celebrated at its 88th Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Long Island Marriott, Uniondale, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Williston Park Fire Department is a volunteer organization established in 1927, for the purpose of preventing and extinguishing fires, and protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated firefighters of the Williston Park Fire Department proudly protect the residents and visitors of its village of Williston Park, New York; with over 7,500 people, and 2,641 housing units, and some 300 businesses in an area of .7 square miles, its population density rivals or exceeds some of the major cities in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, This vital organization operates two 1,500 GPM pumpers, one 93-foot aerial platform, one light rescue truck, three command vehicles, and two advanced life support ambulances, as well as one advanced life support first responder vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The Williston Park Fire Department Emergency Rescue Squad

also provides ambulance service to East Williston and Albertson Fire Departments in addition to the Village of Williston Park; 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; Chief Gary W. Smithing is such a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Chief Gary W. Smithing's many years of devoted service, he has 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 congratulate Gary W. Smithing upon the occasion of his installation as Chief of the Williston Park Fire Department for the second time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Gary W. Smithing.