

## 2015-J2477

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Honorary Chief Roger F. Fay upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Williston Park 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 justly proud to commend Honorary Chief Roger F. Fay upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Williston Park Fire Department, 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, 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, Roger F. Fay joined the Williston Park Fire Department in

1955; throughout his tenure, he served as Company Treasurer for more than 30 years, and in 2005, he was named an Honorary Chief in recognition of his 50 years of dedicated service to the Department; and

WHEREAS, Roger F. Fay has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of his community, Roger F. Fay held the position of both Village Trustee and Mayor from 1960-1968; in this capacity, he was responsible for spearheading the initiative to expand Village Hall, construct the Village Pool, and erect the current Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Roger F. Fay held the position of Executive Director of the Nassau County Village Officials Association and currently holds the title of Executive Director Emeritus; he also serves as Village Historian and member of the Historical Committee; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Roger F. Fay has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; 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; Honorary Chief Roger F. Fay 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 Honorary Chief Roger F. Fay upon the occasion of his designation

as recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Williston Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honorary Chief Roger F. Fay.