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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Paul Ziring upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge educators of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the quality of education in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Paul Ziring upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, to be celebrated on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at the Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center in Garden City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) recognizes an outstanding teacher who has demonstrated a remarkable dedication to fire prevention and the safety of students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ziring began his illustrious teaching career with the Great Neck School District in 1995, serving as a Health Education teacher; and

WHEREAS, For the past decade, this esteemed educator has served as the Special Education Outdoor Education Coordinator for the District where he expanded the program and implemented field experiences outside of the schoolroom to successfully help build students' self-confidence and expose the students to a wide range of stimulating life skills activities; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ziring has made it his life's mission to create a better life for his students in the Special Education program; he has placed a

strong focus on fire safety and protecting the well-being of these young and often vulnerable students; and

WHEREAS, An innovator in his field, Paul Ziring has developed and refined the fire-safety curriculum to provide disabled students with the training to stay safe in the event of a home or other fire; the effectiveness of his program has been recognized by area educators who are advocating for its widespread implementation; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ziring frequently brings his classes of students to the Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center to learn about fire prevention and safety; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has helped Museum instructors adjust their programs and develop a new curriculum and reservation guidelines to improve teaching classes for all special needs children; and

WHEREAS, Paul Ziring has given presentations to numerous organizations about the benefits of the program he began at the Museum, including local SEPTA groups and at a STEM field trip; and

WHEREAS, Through his tremendous efforts, Paul Ziring has raised awareness about fire prevention, and the most effective means for special needs students to survive in a fire emergency; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Paul Ziring was featured on WABC-TV's annual Operation 7 Save-a-Life program which provides news and education on fire safety to television and online audiences in the Tri-State area; and

WHEREAS, The future success of our State and Nation is dependent upon individuals such as Paul Ziring who have dedicated their lives as educators, nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Paul Ziring has brought an uncompromising standard of excellence to his work and a warm sense of caring and concern to every young person he educates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paul Ziring upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award by the Firemen's Association of the State

of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Ziring.