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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the members of the West Babylon Fire Department in recognition of their heroic response to the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and the substantial role they played in the wake of its relief efforts

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of New York State's bravest who take immediate and appropriate action in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the members of the West Babylon Fire Department in recognition of their heroic response to the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and the substantial role they played in the wake of its relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sandy, known as Superstorm Sandy, was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, On October 24, 2012, Sandy became a hurricane, made landfall near Kingston, Jamaica, re-emerged a few hours later into the Caribbean Sea and strengthened into a Category 2 hurricane; by October 29th, this storm surge hit New York, bringing hurricane-force winds to the Northeast; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York recognizes the epic devastation that has been caused by this natural disaster, and the loss of life and damage that has been sustained by the victims of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, The members of the West Babylon Fire Department worked tirelessly to bring the much needed relief to the victims of Superstorm Sandy and their families; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life

and property is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that we should give special recognition to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities, and acknowledge publicly the heroic good works performed by the volunteer fire departments of this great Empire State, their officers and auxiliaries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the members of the West Babylon Fire Department in recognition of their heroic response to the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and the substantial role they played in the wake of its relief efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the West Babylon Fire Department.