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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Ray Pauley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company on January 9, 2016

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 proud to honor Firefighter Ray Pauley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company, celebrated at its Annual Installation of Officers Ceremony on Saturday, January 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ray Pauley received this auspicious award for his 52 years of active service and lifetime commitment to the Grand Island Fire Company (GIFC); he has led the yearly top 10 responders list for numerous years, and has been the primary driver out of the company's station No. 3 for whichever piece of apparatus needed to respond; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, Firefighter Ray Pauley has responded to over 12,000 calls with the Grand Island Fire Company; in 2006 alone, he went on 1,110 calls; and

WHEREAS, A positive role model, Firefighter Ray Pauley has had a tremendous affect not only on the numerous lives that have been saved because of his service to the organization and the Grand Island community, but also to the newer generations of firefighters who he has passed on both his knowledge and expertise in the fire service so they may also have a successful career with the GIFC; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Grand Island, New York, Ray Pauley joined the GIFC in 1963; seven years later, he was elected to the rank of Second Assistant Chief, followed by his selection to First Assistant Chief, a title he held from 1971-1973; and

WHEREAS, From 1980-1983, Chief Ray Pauley again served as Second Assistant Chief; he then held the position of Deputy Chief from 1984-1988; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Chief Ray Pauley attained the rank of Fire Chief, a title he held for two years; his commitment to the GIFC did not end there, he then served an additional 20 years on its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Since 1999, Firefighter Ray Pauley has served as the public information officer for the GIFC; 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; Ray Pauley is such a firefighter; throughout 52 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 honor Firefighter Ray Pauley upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Fire Chief's Award by the Grand Island Fire Company on January 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Ray Pauley.