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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Peter Darabon, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department on January 30, 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 commend Firefighter Peter Darabon, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Norwood, New York, Peter Darabon, Jr. has the proud distinction of being the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department's longest performing Fire Chief, having served in that role for 13 of his 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Prior to holding the position of Fire Chief, Peter Darabon, Jr. spent several years serving as an Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding service and contributions to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department, Peter Darabon, Jr. was named Fireman of the Year in both 1996 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, Peter Darabon, Jr. has been ready to respond to fires, accidents, storm damage, ambulance calls and other emergencies within his community; 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; Peter Darabon, Jr. is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Firefighter Peter Darabon, Jr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of dedicated service to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Peter Darabon, Jr.