

## 2015-J4180

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring ex-Chief Andrew Baranowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to North Lindenhurst 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 proud to honor ex-Chief Andrew Baranowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to North Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated at its 59th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency, Hauppauge, 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, Andrew Baranowski joined North Lindenhurst Fire Department on January 11, 1999; he became and is presently a member of Engine and Heavy Rescue Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious firefighting career, Andrew Baranowski climbed the ranks and served in several capacities including 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Captain, 2nd Deputy Chief, 1st Deputy Chief and Chief of Department; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Baranowski continues to be an active member of several committees and assists North Lindenhurst Fire Department to maintain its growth; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and

indebted to our valiant firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and their selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, Many firefighters have lost their lives to save the lives of others; each and every day, they face danger and peril without fear and perform their job with the utmost concern and professionalism; 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; Andrew Baranowski is such a firefighter; throughout 17 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 ex-Chief Andrew Baranowski upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the North Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to ex-Chief Andrew Baranowski.