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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Chief Robert Waegerle upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the Amityville 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 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 Chief Robert Waegerle upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of dedicated service to the Amityville Fire Department to be celebrated on Saturday, April 9th, 2016, at the Department Headquarters in Amityville, New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 33 years, Chief Robert Waegerle has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service as a firefighter with the Amityville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Robert Waegerle first joined the Amityville Fire Department in August of 1983, as a member of Hose Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, this exceptional leader rose through the ranks, holding such esteemed positions as First and Second Lieutenant, Captain, and Fire Council member; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Robert Waegerle joined the Chief's Office where he continued to provide outstanding guidance as an Assistant Chief until becoming full Chief in 2014; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Chief Robert Waegerle served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and was governed by a keen sense of duty; he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his

colleagues; and

WHEREAS, 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; Chief Robert Waegerle is such a firefighter; throughout his over three decades of devoted service, this firefighter 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 Chief Robert Waegerle upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after many years of dedicated service to the Amityville Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Waegerle.