

## 2015-J4411

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Andre Dias upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to act, in accord with its long-standing traditions, honoring the youth of today, and leaders of tomorrow, whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Andre Dias upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department to be celebrated at its 14th Annual Junior's Installation Dinner at its Department Hall in Mineola, New York, on Saturday, April 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Andre Dias is a student at Mineola High School where he is frequently on the honor roll, attaining an 87 average; his work ethic, initiative and willingness to go above and beyond what he is called to do have earned him the respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, Since August 26, 2013, Andre Dias has been an exemplary and extremely active member of the Mineola Junior Fire Department; for over two years, he has maintained an average attendance between 80 and 97 percent of all activities and has attended almost every training program; and

WHEREAS, Andre Dias enjoys training with his fellow Junior Firefighters and has learned the operations of both Engine and Truck companies; and

WHEREAS, Always willing to lend a hand, Andre Dias is usually the first one to be at the firehouse to assist the advisors with anything pertaining to that day's event and has assisted at every fundraiser both in and out of the department; and

WHEREAS, When he is not at school or the firehouse, Andre Dias likes to play sports and go camping with his family and friends; he is also an avid New York Islanders and New York Jets fan; and

WHEREAS, Andre Dias is looking forward to joining the Mineola Fire Department and dreams of earning a living as a firefighter or studying engineering at college; 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; Andre Dias desires to be such a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Andre Dias now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by Senior Firefighters, mentors, and his parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Andre Dias upon the occasion of his designation as the 2016 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Junior Firefighter Andre Dias.