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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Joseph Muratore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the 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 commend Firefighter Joseph Muratore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department, to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Upsky Long Island Hotel in 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, Born in Far Rockaway, New York, Joseph Muratore graduated from Far Rockaway High School; in 1957, he proudly served as a member of the United States Army; after his discharge, he joined the New York Army National Guard as a civilian technician, and later worked as a National Guard Missile Technician for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Lindenhurst in 1963, Joseph Muratore joined the Lindenhurst Fire Department's Chemical and Salvage Company on October 1, 1966, and for five decades, he served as an active member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Muratore served on Fire Council and held the title

Captain of his Company for two terms; during his second term, he christened a new fire truck which is still in service; in addition, he is a member and ex-Captain of Fire Police and past President of the Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, Retired from the United States Postal Service after working for 16 years, and retired from the New York Army National Guard after serving for 20 years, Joseph Muratore is currently working part-time with Code Enforcement for the Village of Lindenhurst; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Dolores, and their daughters, Laurie and Christine, their five grandchildren, Alyssa, Lauren, Joseph, Tyler and Trevor, and two great-grandchildren, Christian and Liam, all of whom feel privileged to be part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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, 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; Joseph Muratore is such a firefighter; throughout 50 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 Joseph Muratore upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of distinguished service to the Lindenhurst Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Muratore.