

## 2015-J5261

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Firefighter Dennis Lyman 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 Dennis Lyman 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 Brooklyn, New York, Dennis Lyman moved to Lindenhurst, New York, in 1948, and graduated from Lindenhurst High School; following graduation, he joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country for four years as a SeaBee; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, after attending college and earning his degree, Dennis Lyman started teaching for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), a position from which he retired in 2007; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1966, Dennis Lyman joined the Lindenhurst Fire Department Hook Ladder and Engine Company No. 2; he served as Captain, and is currently, the Director of the Fire Department's Dive Team and its Safety Officer; for five decades, he has served as an active member

of his community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their daughters, Lauren and Kristen, and their one granddaughter, Lilly, all of whom feel privileged to be a 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; Dennis Lyman 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 Dennis Lyman 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 Dennis Lyman.