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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Captain Patrick Saccoccia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of distinguished service to the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 on June 11, 2016

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 Ex-Captain Patrick Saccoccia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of distinguished service to the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, to be celebrated at its 130th Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club in Port Washington, 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, Firefighter Patrick Saccoccia, a lifelong resident of Port Washington, was elected to membership in the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 on May 3, 1990; throughout his tenure, he held several offices in the Company including Engineer and First and Second Lieutenant; he worked his way up through the ranks and served in the esteemed position of Captain in 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 and 2011, Firefighter Patrick Saccoccia served as President of the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Paul D. Schreiber High School

in 1985, Firefighter Patrick Saccoccia proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Michelle, and their three sons, 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; Firefighter Patrick Saccoccia is such a firefighter; throughout 25 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 Ex-Captain Patrick Saccoccia upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 25 years of distinguished service to the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Captain Patrick Saccoccia.