LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Brendan Corrigan upon the occasion of his designation as the 2013 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 Brendan Corrigan upon the occasion of his designation as the 2013 Junior Firefighter of the Year by the Mineola Junior Fire Department to be celebrated at its 12th Annual Juniors' Installation Dinner at its Department Hall in Mineola, New York, on Saturday, April 27, 2013; and

WHEREAS, 15-year-old Brendan Corrigan resides in Williston Park with his parents, Frank and Maureen Corrigan, his brother, Tim and his sister, Deirdre; he is a sophomore at Kellenberg Memorial High School in Uniondale, New York, where he is a member of the woodworking club as well as a violinist in the orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Brendan Corrigan is an exemplary member of the Mineola Junior Fire Department who is always at hand when there is work to be done, no matter the task; 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, Outside of his work with the Mineola Junior Fire Department, Brendan Corrigan is very active; he is an altar server and assistant teacher of religious education at Corpus Christi Parish, works at State Farm Insurance as an intern, and runs his own shoveling business; and

WHEREAS, Brendan Corrigan keeps his Irish heritage alive by playing the Irish fiddle and tin whistle, and has made a tradition of playing tunes for the fire department after the Mineola St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, Brendan Corrigan enjoys cooking; he dreams of attending culinary school and becoming a chef in his own restaurant; and

WHEREAS, The advisors and members of the Mineola Junior Fire Department are extremely proud of Brendan Corrigan and look forward to his joining the ranks of the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department in the future; 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; Brendan Corrigan desires to be such a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this Junior Firefighter 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 Brendan Corrigan upon the occasion of his designation as the 2013 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 Brendan Corrigan.