

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Ex-Chief Firefighter Lon Gooch upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc. on April 27, 2013

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-Chief Firefighter Lon Gooch upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 40 years of dedicated service to the North Amityville Fire Company, Inc., to be celebrated at its 73rd Annual Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Hyatt Wind Watch in Hauppauge, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Chief, Firefighter Lon Gooch has also served the North Amityville Fire Company as a Captain of Fire and a Lieutenant of Rescue, as well as Financial Secretary, during his long tenure; 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, 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; Lon Gooch is such a firefighter; throughout 40 years of devoted service, this volunteer has 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-Chief Firefighter Lon Gooch for 40 years of distinguished service to the North Amityville Fire Company and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Chief Firefighter Lon Gooch.