

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II for 25 years of distinguished service to the Brewster 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, 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 the tribute and recognition of all citizens of their community, their State and the Nation; 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 Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II for 25 years of distinguished service to the Brewster Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II was honored by the Department at a Reception hosted by the Department at its Main Station in Brewster on April 13, 2013; 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, Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II joined the Brewster Fire Department 25 years ago and has ably served the Department in many capacities; 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; Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II is such a firefighter; throughout more than 25 years of devoted service, he 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 Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II for his distinguished service to the Brewster Fire Department upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Department on April 13, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Chief Richard Tofte II.