

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring outgoing Fire Chief Robert Von Werne after many years of distinguished service to the New Hyde Park 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is proud to honor outgoing Fire Chief Robert Von Werne after 21 years of distinguished service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department to be celebrated at its Annual Installation Dinner on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at The Inn at New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, Robert Von Werne was appointed to the New Hyde Park Fire Department on March 5, 1991; he served as Chief of the Department from 2008 until 2012; 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; Robert Von Werne is such a firefighter; throughout 21 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 honor outgoing Fire Chief Robert Von Werne after many years of distinguished service to the New Hyde Park Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to outgoing Fire Chief Robert Von Werne.