LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Firefighter Theodore Scardino of the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association for his valiant service while responding to a call on December 24, 2012

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor Firefighter Theodore Scardino of the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association for his valiant service while responding to a call on December 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, 48 year-old Theodore Scardino earned his associate's degree in Business and Computers, and has honorably served as a volunteer for the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association for the past year and one-half; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Theodore Scardino has gone about his duties quietly and purposefully, devoting a significant amount of his time to the Firemen's association; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Scardino is a former member of the Laurelton Volunteer Fire Department in Rochester, New York, and recently completed his Firefighter 1 training; and

WHEREAS, In faithful service to his community, Firefighter Theodore Scardino was wounded in the line of duty after responding to an emergency call on December 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Theodore Scardino should be meritoriously commended for taking prompt and appropriate action in an emergency situation, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to protect the citizens he so ably serves; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Karen, and their three beloved children, Christina, Robert and Austin, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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; Theodore Scardino is such a firefighter; throughout his 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 Firefighter Theodore Scardino of the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association for his valiant service while responding to a call on December 24, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Firefighter Theodore Scardino.