

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

WHEREAS, A 13-year veteran of the West Webster Firemen's Association, 33 year-old Joseph Hofstetter is a graduate of Monroe Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in Fire Protection Technology; and

WHEREAS, The son of Carl Hofstetter and Maria Rigillo, Joseph Hofstetter has gone about his duties quietly and purposefully, devoting a significant amount of his time to the Fireman's association; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Hofstetter became a member of the West Webster Volunteer Firemen's Association after participating in the Association's Firematics Explorer Post program; and

WHEREAS, Despite being gravely wounded, Firefighter Joseph Hofstetter is to be commended for forsaking his own safety and radioing in important details about the scene to emergency personnel; 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; Joseph Hofstetter 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 Joseph Hofstetter 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 Joseph Hofstetter.