

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Edwin N. Nelson, Jr. for 65 Years of Dedicated Service to the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Company

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize and acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished fire fighting careers of esteemed residents of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Edwin N. Nelson, Jr. for his 65 years of service with the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Company; and

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 State's efforts to spare us from the ravages of fire; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters and fire companies 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, This dedicated firefighter has served as an active member of the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Company since joining the fire company in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Edwin N. Nelson, Jr. has responded to well over 11,000 alarms, and has consistently been among the top ten responders in the company, responding to 425 out of 776 calls in 2012 alone; he has often distinguished himself as the top responder and was designated as Firefighter of the Year by his peers in 2011; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished Veteran also served as a Machinist Mate, 2nd Class, in the United States Navy onboard USS Braine (DD-630), a Fletcher class destroyer; he is a life member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Service to the community was an established practice within his family; his father joined the Lakewood Fire Company in 1939; and his mother was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary; his three brothers were also members of the fire company, and two of his sisters served in the auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Edwin N. Nelson, Jr. and his wife raised five children; many of his children and grandchildren continued the family tradition of volunteering with the fire service; his daughter, Linda, and his grandson, Colten, continue to actively serve with the Lakewood Fire Company; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Edwin N. Nelson, Jr. for his 65 years of dedicated service to the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edwin N. Nelson, Jr.