

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Fire Chief Kevin Carrero upon the occasion of his designation as NASSAU HERALD 2012 Person of the Year, in recognition of his extraordinary efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those esteemed individuals within the State of New York who distinguish themselves in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kevin Carrero has given not only of his time and energies but also of his competence, intelligence, and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Fire Chief Kevin Carrero upon the occasion of his designation as NASSAU HERALD 2012 Person of the Year, in recognition of his extraordinary efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Carrero, chief of the Meadowmere Park Fire Department, instinctively stepped into the role of unofficial community leader after Hurricane Sandy, the biggest emergency in his community's history, struck the tiny Nassau County neighborhood on October 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Meadowmere Park, Kevin Carrero graduated from Lawrence High School in 1999; he attended Nassau Community College and New York Institute of Technology, with a focus on engineering; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Carrero operates his own contracting business, U-Name-It Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Carrero began his volunteer service with the Meadowmere Park Fire Department eight years ago, moving up the ranks from Lieutenant to Captain, serving 3 1/2 years as Second Assistant Chief and 18 months as First Assistant Chief; he became Fire Chief shortly before Hurricane Sandy devastated his community; and

WHEREAS, Under Fire Chief Kevin Carrero's leadership, the Meadowmere Park Fire Department was able to provide crucial help to residents despite being severely short-staffed due to the storm's impact on its members; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kevin Carrero equipped the firehouse to provide sleeping areas and hot showers for residents, and provided security by way of lights powered by one of its fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he, along with other firefighters and neighbors, took on the task of cooking meals for as many as 70 residents each day for several weeks after the storm; and

WHEREAS, As virtually every home in the Meadowmere Park area had been flooded, Kevin Carrero recruited members of the Fire Department to help residents clean out their houses and also to help restore power, restart boilers, and make repairs to some of his neighbors' homes; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who exemplify a spirit of humanity should be celebrated for their noble efforts on behalf of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Fire Chief Kevin Carrero upon the occasion of his designation as NASSAU HERALD 2012 Person of the Year, in recognition of his extraordinary efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Fire Chief Kevin Carrero.