

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Honorary Chief George Hechler upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to the East Islip 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, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Honorary Chief George Hechler upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to the East Islip Fire Department, to be celebrated at the East Islip Fire Department's Annual Installation Dinner, on Saturday, February 22, 2014; 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, Honorary Chief George Hechler has been a member of the East Islip Fire Department for 65 years, joining in 1949 after attending East Islip High School; and

WHEREAS, Honorary Chief George Hechler served his country in the United States Army and is a veteran of the Korean War; he further served in the Suffolk County Police Department obtaining the rank of captain, until his retirement in 1989; 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; George Hechler is such a firefighter; throughout 65 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 commend Honorary Chief George Hechler upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 65 years of dedicated service to East Islip Fire Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honorary Chief George Hechler.